

OPINION

Our View

Soar days forget about students in the shuffle

Student orientation and registration began with good intentions to familiarize students with Northwest, but those intentions were forgotten as IBM sales pitches and pre-imposed class schedules dominated the day.

It is highly doubtful that these families drive to Maryville to listen to a sales pitch about a EC+ program they have read about in the mailings.

Mailings may not explain all the details, but few can find a book about making a connection to Northwest.

Many administrators want to connect the students through the terminal world of the EC+ program.

EC+ seems to be the future of Northwest, but the entire sales pitch has reached the point of annoyance. It seems like the freshman class and their parents are being bombarded with EC+ packets, demonstrations and prices.

There is a difference between presenting the information to the students and the current process of shoving the terminals down their throats. The students are bored and the parents are disappointed.

Class schedules are also being forced upon the freshmen. During SOAR, students receive a schedule for first block based on their major. Recommendations from the individual students were not included.

If students have their schedules arranged for them, are instructors going to go to class for them as well?

College is the one time of your life when you are the only one making decisions. When these schedules are made, do they think about the student's study habits and sleeping habits?

Admissions needs to realize that this group of 17- and 18-year-olds are not a group of robots here to be programmed into taking classes on a personal computer and waking up when they are scheduled.

We need to realize this group is the future of Northwest. Someday they will be the leaders of Northwest, but how will they be able to think when it is being done for them the second they step on this campus?

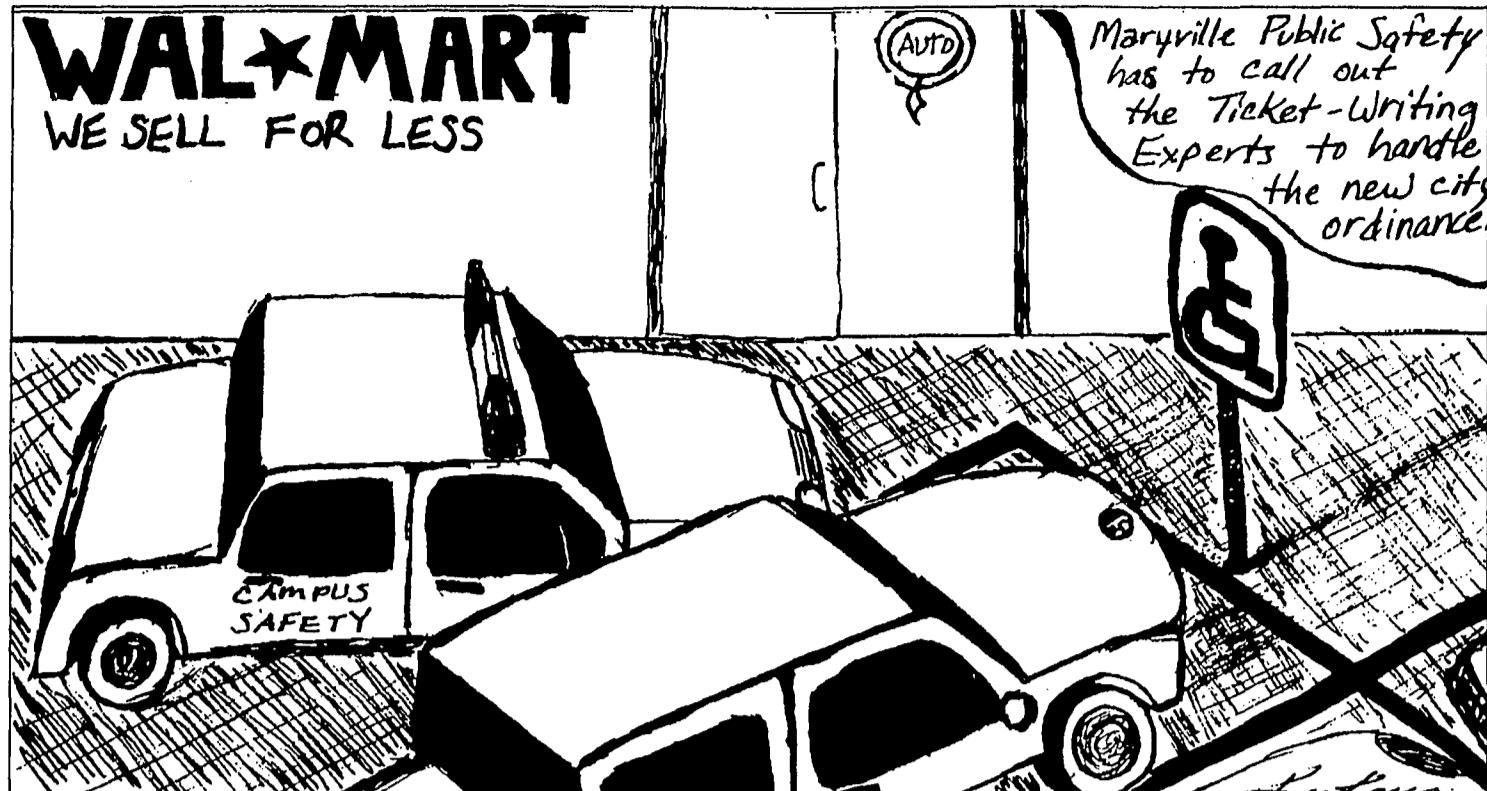
Granted, EC+ is not something to ignore. In fact, EC+ is an excellent program with a lot of potential.

Potential is the key word. It seems as though the University has focused on a pilot program but has forgotten about the importance of other aspects of attending Northwest.

Admissions has worked very hard creating SOAR days to bring the world of Northwest closer to the students.

We need to remember the importance of helping the students and parents make their connection to Northwest for the entire college experience, not just the EC+ program.

Because students were forgotten in the shuffle, the EC+ orientation and forced class schedules should be reexamined for future SOAR days.

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Community Turn

Sales tax would assist parks in Maryville

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The recent summer weather, along with the official beginning of summer, has brought attention to local parks throughout the country. Local parks and recreation programs are designed to serve the needs of the area residents. Local

parks are used on daily for picnics, walking or playing on playground equipment.

In 1995, more than 9,000 area residents participated in the structured programs offered by the Maryville Parks and Recreation Department. In addition, numerous individuals take advantage of park services, including reservations for shelters, ball fields and sand volleyball courts. The Maryville Aquatic Center has several summer programs, plus more than 45,700 visited the MAC for general swim in 1995.

Across the state of Missouri, most of the local parks and recreation departments are funded through taxes paid by local land owners. Citizens within the city limits fund the parks and programs offered through the local department. This is a static type of funding due to the rollbacks required by the Hancock Amendment. With expenditures increasing annually and revenues remaining the same, it makes it difficult to maintain the current level of service.

Since most communities are faced with this problem, the Missouri Park and Recreation Association has joined forces with the Missouri Municipal League to form a coalition to look at statewide funding to assist local park departments. One option is the redistribution of the funds received through the one-tenth cent sales tax that benefits state parks, along with soil and water conservation.

This would provide additional monies for local parks, while funding our state parks at the same level. Residents depend on the local park department to provide

the needed facilities and services. Recreation programs also provide a positive outlet for the community's youth. This funding source would allow departments to meet the needs of residents without increasing taxes.

A one-half cent sales tax for local parks is available for the funding of the local parks departments or for the funding of capital improvements of the department. Boundaries for departments can also be expanded beyond the city limits, with all citizens paying the park tax.

The MPR Board has worked to identify the needs of the community and to develop financing options to meet these needs.

I would encourage you to look at these options and voice your support or concern regarding the option of your choice. Send your responses to the Maryville Park and Recreation Board. Your input allows the board to make decisions that best meet the desires of the community.

Rod Auxier is the director of Maryville Parks and Recreation Board.

Community Turn

'Megan's Law' will make communities safer

PAT
DANNER

In 1994, 7-year-old Megan Kanka was kidnapped, raped and murdered near her New Jersey home.

The individual charged with Megan's murder was the Kankas' new neighbor, a twice-convicted sex offender. It was only after his arrest that the Kanka family learned of the history of sex offenses.

While Congress certainly can do nothing to bring Megan back or free her family from this nightmare, we can — and must — work to protect other children from sexual predators. That is the purpose of "Megan's Law," legislation that requires states to make relevant information available to communities about released sex offenders, information that should have been available to the Kankas.

"Although this legislation will not solve the problem completely, it is a major first

step," Mrs. Kanka said as the U.S. House of Representatives recently passed the bill named after her daughter.

As the Kankas' case so vividly illustrates, our criminal justice system often paroles or releases these sex offenders as if they were bogeymen, imaginary figures only to be feared by children in their sleep. But the reality is that these child sex offenders are real-life criminals with real-life records.

As statistics show, prison sentences do not purge these sex offenders of their sick, criminal motivation to molest children. Often, they commit more crimes after being released.

Sex offenders are a different species of criminal altogether, and they deserve to be treated as such. Once convicted, these individuals should be punished to the full extent of the law.

In 1994, Congress mandated that states maintain databases with information about sex offenders. At this point, the public only has limited access to potentially lifesaving data about released or paroled sex offenders because the notification procedure has

been voluntary, not mandatory.

In fact, efforts at the state level to inform parents about neighbors with sex offense records have in some cases been thwarted by the courts.

Megan's Law, which passed both the Senate and the House and was signed into law by the President, is intended to give the states stronger legal standing in their cases to make this information public.

Sex offenders should not be allowed to move undetected and unsupervised into new neighborhoods where they can brutalize unsuspecting victims.

One of the true measures of a society is the value it places on the well-being of its children. As several members of the House of Representatives pointed out, this legislation puts the safety of children ahead of the rights of sex offenders.

That is the only responsible decision, and it is one that is past due. Parents should know if sex offenders are living in their neighborhoods.

Pat Danner is the Sixth District U.S. Representative.

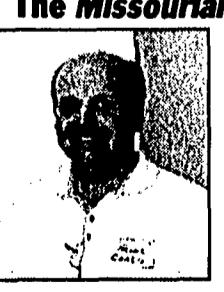
It's Your Turn

What is your impression of Northwest and SOAR days?

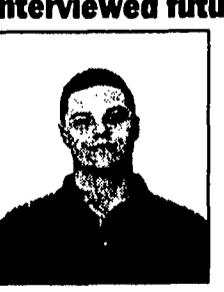
The *Missourian* interviewed future students and their parents.



Kristy Cordle



Frank Cordle



Kevin Lamb



Darrel Lamb



Angie Katz



Coleen Katz Brownsworth

"I have really been kept informed of everything going on. I already feel like I'm at home."

"We have received a lot of communication prior to coming here. We have received phone calls and a bunch of other information."

"This is a really nice campus, and it has a really comfortable setting. Also, the staff has been really friendly."

"I am already ready to come. I like the campus a lot. Everyone here sounds really nice."

"The people here are friendly and well organized. I like the fact that this campus is compact and easy to maneuver in."

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Police Reports

These reports are taken from the official reports that Maryville Public Safety and the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department receive.

■ June 3 - Doug Raasch, Maryville, reported the theft of a revolver and holster from his residence.

■ June 5 - Officers took a report of a phone harassment from a subject in Burlington Junction.

■ June 5 - Ronnie Fuller, 27, Skidmore, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for motion to revoke probation. He was released on bond.

■ June 5 - Michael G. Hubbard, 21, Edgerton, was picked up from Platte County on a Nodaway County warrant for driving while suspended. He was released on bond.

■ June 6 - Mark D. Hovey, 36, St. Joseph, was picked up from Buchanan County on a Nodaway County warrant for probation violation. He was released on bond.

■ June 6 - Officers took a report of an assault south of Maryville.

■ June 6 - Sherry Burson, Windsor, reported a burglary to a house in Elmo.

■ June 6 - Christopher Kelly, 20, Hopkins, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for passing bad checks. He was released on bond.

■ June 7 - A search warrant was executed at a residence in Parnell. Terry L. Steinman, 40, Parnell, was arrested on a charge of possession of less than 35 grams of marijuana. He was released on a summons.

■ June 7 - Brad A. Peve, 21, Hopkins, and Richard D. Vance, 21, Hopkins, were arrested on a charge of property damage in connection to damage done to a vehicle in Hopkins. Both subjects were released on summons.

■ June 10 - Officers took a report of telephone harassment.

■ June 11 - A Maryville female reported the theft of a red and grey Craftsman riding lawn mower from her residence. Loss value \$1500.

■ June 11 - Edith A. Shell, Maryville, was backing from a private drive on Lieber and Walnut when she struck a St. Joseph Light and Power vehicle that was illegally parked. Shell was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ June 12 - A Maryville female reported she was being harassed by another female subject.

■ June 12 - A Maryville male reported he had been assaulted by another male subject in the 1700 block of South Main.

■ June 12 - A Maryville female brought in a cordless phone her husband found between Dewey and 13th streets. A Maryville male later contacted Public Safety reporting he had lost his cordless phone. After describing the phone, it was returned to him.

■ June 12 - A bicycle was recovered from the 700 block of West 16th.

■ June 12 - A local business reported a male had gotten \$5 worth of gasoline and left without paying for it.

■ June 12 - Natalie S. Shuler, Trenton, was north on Vine and pulled into the intersection on Third in the path of Kenneth A. Durbin, Ravenwood, who was heading west. Shuler was issued a citation for failure to yield.

■ June 12 - Fire units responded to the 600 block of South Saunders after receiving a 911 call from a child who stated his bedroom was on fire. Upon arrival no fire or smoke was found and it was determined that the male juvenile had called in a false alarm. The juvenile was referred to the juvenile officer.

■ June 13 - A bicycle was recovered from Davison Square.

■ June 13 - Leanna R. Goodson, Ravenwood, was backing from a private drive on Buchanan south of Torrance and struck John B. Booth, Maryville, who was parked. Goodson was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ June 13 - Alan Schluter, Maryville, reported the theft of coins from his business.

■ June 13 - Officers took a report of phone harassment in Maryville.

■ June 14 - Clifford Herndon, Parnell, reported vandalism to his tractor while it was parked in a field.

■ June 14 - At approximately 1:30 a.m. Michael T. Hollaway, Pattonsburg and Terry L. Phelps, Davis City, Iowa, were apprehended by a Nodaway County deputy while they were attempting to escape jail. Both subjects were arrested immediately. The Nodaway County Prosecutor has filed Class A felony charges on both subjects.

■ June 14 - A Maryville male reported his family had been receiving harassing phone calls.

■ June 14 - Fire units stood by for Life Flight. It landed and departed without incident.

■ June 14 - Arcella R. Couts, Maryville, was backing from a private drive and struck Patricia A. Castillo, Maryville, who was west on 16th, east of North College. Couts was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ June 14 - Lindy S. Blessington, Skidmore, was traveling west out of the Easter's parking lot. Lavada L. Elliott, Banning, Calif. was traveling south and was turning to go west out of the lot. Both drivers said they did not see the other until they collided.

■ June 14 - Kelley Michelle White, born June 11 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and joins one sister at home. Grandparents are Robert and Evelyn O'Riley, Graham, and Larry and Mary Ellen Kimble, Grant City.

■ June 15 - Officers responded to the 500 block of East Seventh in reference to possible shots being fired. Upon arrival it was determined that it was an explosion. A Maryville male juvenile had picked up a plastic bottle to throw away and while carrying it, he dropped it at which time it exploded. He was taken to St. Francis Hospital where he was treated and released for superficial wounds.

■ June 15 - Officers responded to the 300 block of West Second on a complaint of a domestic dispute. Upon arrival a Public Safety officer observed two male subjects fighting in the front yard, and when they observed the officer, they stopped fighting. After talking with them and the resident, the following summons were issued: peace disturbance (disorderly house) to Shawn L. Cochran, 33, Maryville; assault and affray, Gary R. Fuller, 24, Burlington Junction; and affray to Ronnie L. Fuller, 27, Skidmore.

■ June 15 - Fire units responded to West Davison Square in reference to a suspicious odor. After arrival it was determined that there was gas leaking from a hot water heater.

■ June 15 - A Maryville female reported she was being harassed by a male.

■ June 16 - Bobbie Hull, Maryville, reported a burglary to his residence. Nothing was reported missing at the time.

■ June 16 - A Maryville male reported that Nathan A. Staples, 18, Maryville, had sprayed a female with mace. Contact was made with Staples and the female, Charity R. Stowell, 18, Maryville. Staples explained he had sprayed Stowell as she was striking another male subject. Both Staples and Stowell were issued summons for assault.

■ June 16 - Officers responded to the 500 block of Prather Avenue on a complaint of a fight. Upon arrival it was discovered that several people were attempting to remove a male subject, who was yelling and kicking at them, from the residence. One subject was identified as Robert L. Sturm, 19, Maryville, and was separated from the group and was escorted from the residence. Sturm attempted to return to the residence and was advised by the officer to stop but he refused. He resisted being handcuffed and was finally transported to Public Safety and issued a summons for two counts of assault, trespassing, resisting arrest and failure to comply with a police officer.

■ June 16 - Forrest D. Stark, Maryville, was struck in a hit-and-run in the Hy-Vee parking lot.

■ June 16 - Raymond L. Morrison, Hopkins and Kendra V. Gordon, Maryville, were south on Main when Gordon was stopped in traffic and struck in the rear by Morrison. Morrison was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ June 17 - Stephen Alexander, Hopkins, reported the theft of a 1993 Polaris 250 ATV from his residence. The ATV was recovered and returned to the owner. The subjects involved were turned over to the juvenile officer.

■ June 17 - A local business reported six bicycles had been stolen. Loss value was \$695.45.

■ June 17 - Lora Ordóñez, Elmo, reported vandalism to her vehicle while it was parked at her residence.

■ June 18 - An officer received a complaint of juveniles shooting a sling shot. Contact was made with them and they were referred to the juvenile officer.

■ June 18 - Greg McQuinn, Stanberry, reported the theft of a Kawasaki 300 4x4 from his residence. The 4x4 was later recovered and returned to the owner. The subjects involved were turned over to the juvenile officer.

■ June 18 - A Ravenwood female reported while her vehicle was parked in Maryville it had been damaged. A sharp object was used to scratch the vehicle on passenger and driver side doors and on the trunk.

■ June 18 - Officers arrested Jessie L. Edwards, 18, of Maryville, on a warrant for failure to appear from Gentry County.

■ June 18 - Officers arrested Jeffrey D. Ladd, 40, Maryville, for assault-domestic violence, following an incident in the 100 block of East Second. He was released after posting bond.

■ June 18 - Officers responded to the 600 block of East Fifth on a complaint of loud music. Upon arrival they observed a female holding a bottle containing an alcoholic beverage. When she observed the officer, she attempted to hide it. She was identified as Kristen R. Martin, 18, Maryville. She was issued a summons for minor in possession.

Births

Thomas Reuben Schwienebart

Mark and Cathi Schwienebart, Maryville, are the parents of Thomas Reuben born June 15 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and joins one brother at home.

Grandparents are J.D. and Peitha Rush, Maryville, and John and Connie Schwienebart, Maryville.

Aubrey Skyler Kimble

Kurt and Roberta Kimble, Maryville, are the parents of Aubrey Skyler born June 11 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and joins one sister at home.

Grandparents are Robert and Evelyn O'Riley, Graham, and Larry and Mary Ellen Kimble, Grant City.

Kelley Michelle White

Ken and Christa White, Maryville, are the parents of Kelley Michelle, born June 11 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 10 pounds, 7 ounces and joins one sister at home.

Grandparents are Art and Virginia Dietz, Erie, Pa. and Jim and Anna Mae White, Pittsburgh.

Conner Brianne Hetzler

Mark and Dana Hetzler, Maryville, are the parents of Conner Brianne, born June 6 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

Grandparents are Betty Mansfield, Paris, Ill., and Dave and Judy Hetzler, Robinson, Ill.

Obituary

David Hoffman

A car accident claimed the life of a Northwest student during the first weekend in June.

David Hoffman, 22, Spencer, Iowa, died June 2 near Marcus, Iowa.

Hoffman was an environmental science major at Northwest after transferring from Iowa Lakes Community College.

Hoffman, the son of Frank and Marlene Ripple Hoffman, was born Dec. 18, 1973. He spent his childhood years on the family farm east of

Forestoria, Iowa.

Hoffman was involved in several activities in high school, including track, FFA and band, where he played the drums. He was also involved in the 102 River club at Northwest.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather and his paternal grandparents.

He is survived by his parents; two brothers, Jeff and Brad; one sister, Renee and his maternal grandmother, Cecile Ripple.

Missourian Policies

Obituary Policies

The Northwest Missourian will print obituaries for people who lived in Maryville.

It is our policy to print the age, date of death, place of death, date of birth, place of birth and parents.

For family members who are survivors, we will include the spouse and children. In cases where there is not a spouse or children, we will print the names of siblings.

Birth Policies

The Northwest Missourian will publish births from any Maryville resident and also births we receive from St. Francis Hospital. We will print the weight of the child and the grandparents names.

Other Policies

The Northwest Missourian will print wed-

ding engagements, wedding announcements and anniversary announcements. Those wishing to have these events publicized should bring in or send a legible copy of what they want printed. It should be no more than 50 words. We will also need a photograph.

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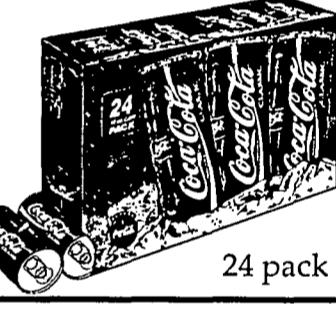
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Wet season hurts crop production

Weather makes corn grow at uneven pace, disturbs soybean planting schedule

By Ruby Dittmer

News Editor

After rains stranded them from their fields last year, Nodaway County farmers once again struggle with the forces of Mother Nature.

While 90 to 95 percent of the corn crop is planted, the low temperatures compiled with the past week's downpours have caused unevenness in the growth of crop. Much of the soybean crop remains to be planted, which is also creating problems for farmers.

Jim Nance, executive director of the Farm Service Association, said the cloudy days have not been "good" growing days for corn.

A majority of the corn crop in the county was planted in April when the fields were dry.

Carroll Scott, an area farmer, said he was glad to see the rain come to help his soybeans, but his corn is not growing at the normal pace.

"It's behind because of all the cold days," Scott said. "However in the last week, with the warmer temperatures, it has grown as fast as it can grow."

Larry Stiens said his corn crop grew as much in one week as it did in all of the month of May. Stiens also faced problems on his flat land when a river went out and covered parts of his field, leaving only a 50 to 75 percent stand in areas near the river.

"I'll replant an acreage of about 25 acres or so back to beans on the river bottom," Stiens said.

Stiens said he hopes to begin replanting just as soon as the weather cooperates and his flat dries out.

During last week's dry spell, Stiens was able to plant a majority of his soybean crop, and now he hopes the weather will cooperate the rest of

the season. Stiens believes if the weather returns to its normal patterns, the crops could be average.

In other farm news, Nodaway County farmers are continuing to sign up for the 1996 Farm Bill. Nance said approximately 50 percent of farmers have already signed up for the seven-year program that will allow them to produce crops more freely.

Nodaway County farmers are not alone in their willingness to participate in the farm bill. In the first three weeks of sign-up more than 28,000 of Missouri's 79,000 farmers have already contracted to be in the program.

Farmers are encouraged to enroll their land in the program with the reminder that signing the contract does not mean the land cannot be removed until the contract expires. At any time a contract can be broken.

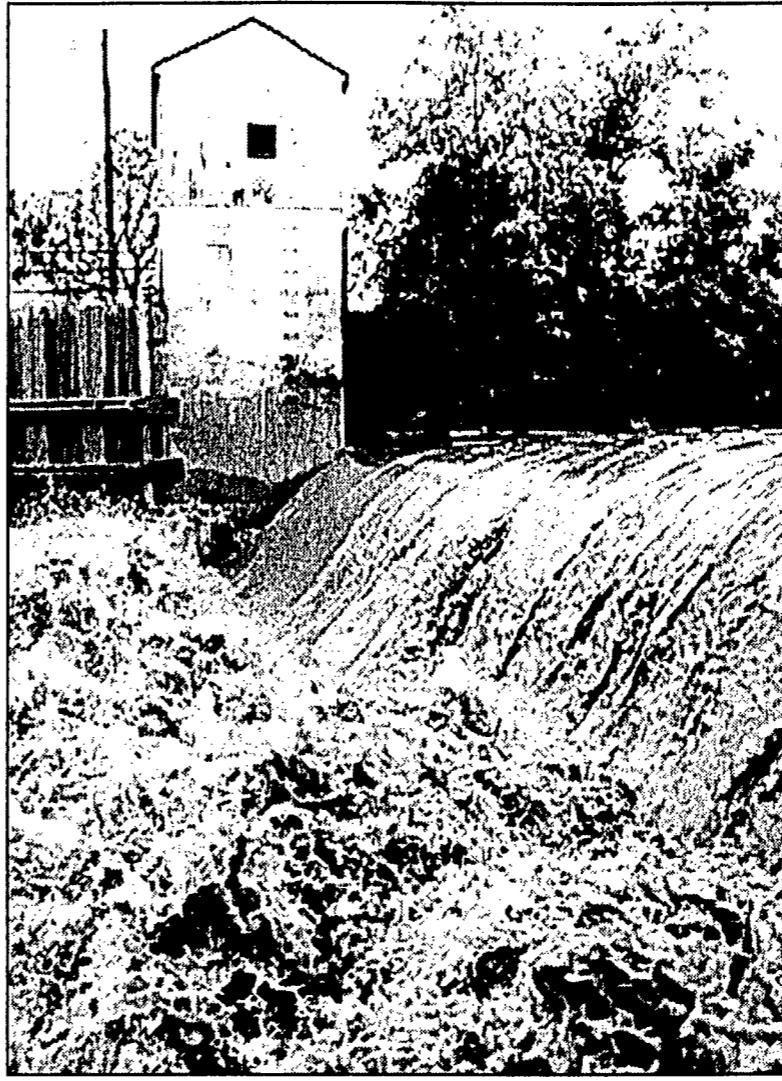
Producers who fail to enroll their land in the program by July 12 will be excluded unless they have acres in the Conservation Reserve program. These acres may be added at their time of expiration.



KERRIE KELLY/Chief Photographer

Almost full.
Heavy rains have caused the 102 River to rise. Recent weather has also resulted in debris washing up on the dam.

Rained out.
Because of a rainy season, Bob Colville, a local farmer, suffered the loss of some of his corn crop. Even though he lost some of his acres, he said this year wasn't as bad as past years.



MITCH BAYSINGER/Chief Photographer

SOAR

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came to Northwest in the summer but it was to test for placement in classes. The SOAR program eliminates this testing. Class placement is now based on ACT scores. Students may, however, do a writing sample to enhance their scores from the composition section of the test.

The original idea for this program came from Roger Pugh, executive director/enrollment management, to help class openings be more proactive.

Schneider thinks the campus helped the program go more smoothly.

"Campus and community involvement, including offices and departments, have come together to pull this off," Schneider said.

Betty Dye, residential life coordinator, believes

these two days went well, especially after some suggestions were taken into consideration.

"The whole management staff did a great job and they deserve a lot of credit. After some suggestions were made Saturday, changes occurred and everything went as smooth as ice on Tuesday," Dye said.

Others in the Admissions Office believed the events, even though they are new, went as expected.

"This is a whole new ball game, but I believe the freshmen left feeling comfortable about coming in the fall," Doug Swink, assistant director of admissions, said.

Future SOAR days will be July 1, 23, 25, 26 and 29. The first two sessions full and so is the July 1 session.

Regents approve fiscal year budget

Members also hear construction reports, make appointments

By Cynthia Hansen and Virginia Peters
Chief Reporters

of the East Residence Hall Complex.

ServiceMaster Energy Management, who is doing the work, said the work should be completed by April 1997.

The Board also received updates on the other renovation projects across campus.

Colden Hall's classrooms and offices have been relocated temporarily, and the building will be out of commission until its reopening in August 1997.

The Administration Building project is continuing as the lower parking lot will be closed until the project is done, which is tentatively set for mid-fall.

Drainage problems at the Rickenbrode Stadium are being addressed and should be taken care of by the first home football game on Saturday, Sept. 7.

In addition, Board members approved several positions at the meeting.

Two approvals were of department chair changes.

Dwight Maxwell, professor of geology/geography, and Theo Ross, professor of communication and theater arts, were each named chairs of their respective departments.

Maxwell will replace Taylor Barnes, the current dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Ross replaces Kathie Leeper, who will be on sabatical leave during the 1996-1997 academic year.

Carole Edmonds, former teacher and administrator for the South Nodaway R-IV School district, was approved to take on the position of director for the Horace Mann School at Northwest.

Edmonds' three sons all graduated from Horace Mann, and she believes it will be great working there.

"I'm really excited," Edmonds said. "It's like going home."

At the end of the meeting future meeting dates and times were approved.

The Board of Regents' next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 1.

InBrief

Tax set for August vote

Although Maryville voters will have an opportunity to vote on a new mail-order use tax, the use tax issue is not new to the state.

The Missouri legislature passed a mail-order use tax about four years ago.

Several legislators believed the lack of a mail-order tax gave an unfair advantage to mail-order companies.

Following the passage, a group of large corporations, collectively called the Associated Industries of Missouri, sued the state under the claim that the tax was unfairly collected.

The court agreed and ruled that the tax was unconstitutional.

The legislature, in the meantime, changed the bill to make it constitutional. The new bill gave each city the opportunity to submit the tax to the voters with passage only requiring a simple majority.

Maryville City Council placed the 1.5 percent use tax on the August ballot. City Manager David Angerer said the timing is right for a vote on the tax.

"We had been advised (by Missouri officials) that hundreds of cities in Missouri will submit this to a vote and we felt we would go along with the herd," Angerer said.

"The primary reason we are saying it is good is that it levels the playing field with local businesses and mail-order businesses. (Mail-order businesses) have an unfair advantage over local merchants."

St. Joseph and Kansas City will be among the other cities voting on the tax.

Prisoners attempt escape

Two Nodaway County prisoners attempted to flee from the jail early Friday morning.

Between 1:30 and 2 a.m., Terry L. Phelps, 20, and Mike T. Hollaway, 21, tried to escape the jail by unscrewing one-way screws located in 13-inch metal grates in the ceilings of their jail cells, Sheriff Ben Espy said.

The screws were designed so they could not be removed, Espy said. However, the prisoners managed to remove them and climb into the ceiling of the jail.

Deputy Shaun Collie was writing reports when he noticed some fingers coming through the ceiling tiles.

"I could see their fingers and I could hear them," Collie said. "I ordered them down at gun point, and there was no resistance."

Phelps and Hollaway were arrested on Class A felonies and charged with having deadly weapons.

The pair had used the ceiling grates and made weapons for the escape. Espy said the charges were serious and each is being detained in the jail on a \$50,000 bond.

Phelps is being detained for Harrison County on first degree burglary and stealing charges. Hollaway is being held for Worth County on charges of a class D felony.

Both prisoners remain in the Nodaway County jail.

Heartland tour planned for fall

KXCV/KRNW Public Radio and Heartland Motor Coach are sponsoring a Lake Michigan Circle Tour.

Scheduled for Sept. 28-Oct. 5, travelers will visit such places as Holland, Mich., the Tunnel of Trees, Door County, Wis., Chicago and the Magnificent Mile.

Members of the public are invited to join the tour with personal escort Gayle Hull.

The \$830 per person fee includes all transportation, hotel accommodations, sight-seeing admission and 13 meals.

Those registering before July 1 will receive a complimentary ticket to Les Brown and His Band of Renown in October.

Reservations may be made by calling 562-1163 and are due by July 15 with a \$100 deposit per person.

Man to face trial for sodomy

Enough evidence was found to send a Maryville man charged with 11 counts of sodomy to the Nodaway County Circuit Court Division I, after a preliminary hearing Monday.

Tony E. Wardlow, 37, is charged with 11 sexually deviant acts on two juvenile subjects.

The State of Missouri provided two witnesses during the preliminary hearing.

Judge Glen Dietrich said there was enough evidence of probable cause for the case to be bound over to trial.

Wardlow's next hearing is 9 a.m. Monday at the Nodaway County Circuit Court Division I.

Wardlow faces five years to life in prison.

One act of felony sodomy was allegedly during the summer of 1991, while the other 10 counts are alleged to have occurred between May and August of 1992.

Wardlow waived his right to a formal arraignment May 21. He is free on \$10,000 cash approved bond.

Going Up



GENE CASSELL/Design Director

In the wake of the hail storm, ABC Supply Co. workers Chris Anderson and Roger Dudge of Kansas City begin work on the hall damaged

roof of Maryville Glass and Lock. ABC Supply Co. has 50-60 signed contracts in the area with 95 percent being from the recent hail storms.



Do, re, mi, fa, so. Marilyn Rhea, Maryville, directs the soprano and alto section for honor choir during Northwest's Mid-High Music Camp that runs from June 16 through June 20. The honor choir is conducted by John Standerford. The group will perform at 6 p.m., Friday, in Charles Johnson Theatre to conclude the camp.

Camp offers musicians inspiration

Summer experiences make lasting memories

By Chris Galitz
Assistant Managing Editor

Each summer Northwest experiences a flood — not from Mother Nature, but from area music students.

For more than 30 years, Northwest has been the host of high school and junior high music camps, with the mid-high camp taking place this week.

Music campers and counselors alike return year after year because of the musical inspiration and friendships offered by Northwest music camps.

Members of three bands, two choirs, four jazz bands and four show choirs form special bonds while learning. They spend hours rehearsing, having fun and learning new music, techniques and choreography, working toward a week-long goal, the Friday evening concert.

The mid-high camp-closing concert will take place this Friday beginning

"Everyone will come up and say hi. They don't look at you for how your face looks; they look at you for your attitude inside."

— T. J. Blodgett
Music camp participant from Liberty, Mo.

last summer," Ward said.

Her husband, David, is also a counselor during the music camps. This year, music camp has become a family affair.

"The whole family's here this week," Jan Ward said.

Both of the couple's daughters are

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Ross founded and was president for five years of the local chapter of the state motorcycle touring group Freedom of the Road Riders. However, he decided to discontinue his membership three years ago.

"It just took too much time away from my family and my work," Ross said.

The local chapter of the Freedom of the Road Riders is not the only group Ross has founded. He also co-founded the motorcycle club Ghost Dancers with Terry Goodman.

"We dreamed of doing it for over 20 years," Ross said. "It's a brotherhood of motorcycle enthusiasts that go out on private runs. Ghost Dancers isn't like any state group."

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participating in music camp.

"They've been here as long as they could," Jan Ward said.

Campers and counselors share in talent shows and special performances by groups like the Sweet Adelines, Bungee Chords and Three Men and a Melody.

"It (music camp) has changed a lot of kids lives," Rick Weymuth, professor of music, said. "Over 100 of the kids at music camp made their state's All-State."

Music camps at Northwest have a 30-year tradition; however, the camps were separated into one camp for band and one for choir. Attendance began to dwindle at the separate camps, finally falling below 200 campers.

Sixteen years ago, Weymuth came to Northwest and combined the camps, forming one complete music camp and learning opportunity for area students.

Success is evident as participant numbers have increased the number of camps to three per summer. Dividing the camps into three different age groups offers opportunity to all involved.

The senior high camp includes students from grades 10, 11 and 12; the mid-high camp includes campers from grades eight and nine; and grades six and seven make up the youngest group of campers.

"Now almost 1,000 students from 14 states are a part of Northwest music camps," Weymuth said. "This year there was a waiting list for both the high school and mid-high camps."

Recently, Ross has become involved in organizing and co-sponsoring the June 29 Run for the Wall poker run with Terry Kelmel, manager of Sonic Drive-in.

Winners of the poker run will receive cash prizes. There will also be a raffle for a tattoo by Tattooz. The entrance fee is \$5. All motorcyclists are welcome.

Run for the Wall is being organized to help bring the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall to Skidmore's Freedom Fest '96 in September. The wall is a one-half size traveling Vietnam Veteran's Memorial. It will be displayed on the Nodaway-Holt Elementary school grounds in Skidmore. Area dignitaries plan to be present to officially welcome the memorial. Various veterans' and student groups will give tributes to the fallen patriots.

Soccer debate rages

Conflict concerns overlapping football field use in autumn

By Ruby Dittmer
News Editor

Concerned parents gathered at the Maryville Community School Board meeting Wednesday night anxiously awaiting the results of the 1996-97 Student Activities Survey.

The survey that asked students whether or not they would participate in extracurricular activities was administered to students in the eighth through 12th grades. A total of 624 students were surveyed.

The results sparked controversy from members who have supported the move to introduce soccer into the athletic department of the school. A total of 67 high school students and 14 middle school students said they would participate in the sport if it was to be offered.

Twyla Hazen began showing her support for soccer in 1989 by

making a presentation to the board. Hazen said she feels confident that this time the board will make a decision.

"I feel that they will carry through and give us a response," Hazen said. "It will not be forgotten like last time. I just want to give these kids the opportunity to play."

While Board Member Mark Burnsides commended the committee for "doing their homework," he reminded the patrons to be patient. Burnsides as well as Rego Jones expressed concerns over the divide in the community between those who supported soccer and those who were against the sport because it might require the use of the football field.

The discussion was concluded when the members of the board agreed to further look into the issue in the near future.

In other news, the board approved the preliminary budget for the 1996-97 school year. A total of \$9,612,905 in revenues has been projected.

The total expenditures projected

are \$9,422,607. The estimated budget reflects a positive outlook for the school and did not include the funds from the 1995-96 school year that will carry over. Superintendent Gary Bell said the budget will reflect a stable outlook.

For the first time members of the board also discussed a facilities contingency plan.

"We have a basic outline of a plan that we could use if a facility of ours could not be used," Bell said. "It is not a definite plan because we are not aware of the resources available."

The board also reviewed an assessment survey that will be sent to patrons in July. The survey concerns the Washington Middle School bond issue.

Members of the board and community worked together in compiling the survey.

"We want the people to respond to us and tell us what it is they feel that is needed and give us direction so that we can take that into advisement and decide on a plan the people will support," Bell said.

May births reach surprising high

Usual stay of 2 days helps to control traffic

By Jamie Hatz
Managing Editor

The emergence of a new life into the world is an everyday occurrence, but at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville last month the emergence took place more than once a day.

During May, 34 babies were born at St. Francis, including one set of twins.

Although May generally has a higher birth rate than other months, this May saw the second-highest number of births at St. Francis in recent years.

"May and September seem to be popular months for deliveries," Kathy Brand, nurse manager at St. Francis, said. "There has also been an increase in deliveries since we've gotten more physicians."

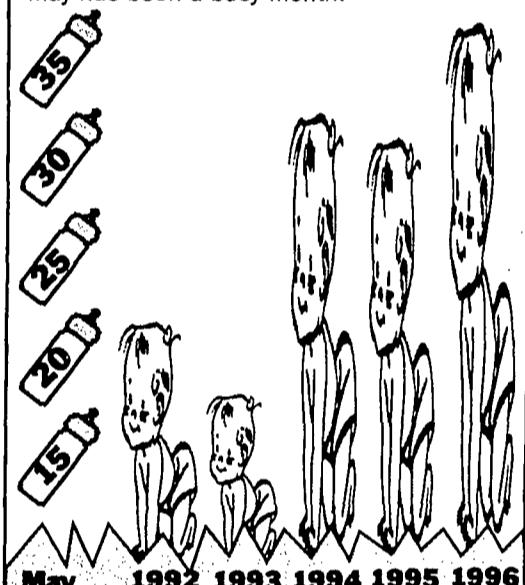
Physicians helped deliver 18 females and 16 males during May; Brand said the gender of the babies tends to balance out in a given year.

Balance is something that the

delivery room did have despite the record number of births because the obstetrician and gynecologist department of the hospital didn't find a problem with crowd controls.

"The average length of a mat-

Bundles of Joy: Last May, St. Francis Hospital delivered 34 babies. This mark was the second highest of any month in St. Francis' history. Over the past three years, May has been a busy month.



GENE CASSELL/Design Director

Conference stands by decision; Bearcats denied championship

By Rob J. Brown
News Editor

after two reports pin-pointed Central Missouri State University's wrong doings.

It was proven that Central illegally obtained Jolley's transcript by leading a Penn State Compliance Officer to believe that the purpose of the inquiry was to assist Jolley in transferring.

"I thought it was unfair for them to take away our title when it was proven that Central illegally obtained the information and that Northwest had done no wrong," Jolley said.

The infractions committee's decision put an end to the first conference title for the men's basketball team since 1989. The Jolley saga originally began in March when students were on break.

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Sportsline

Sharks Swim Team

June 17, 1996 — Nebraska City
Nebraska City 384, Maryville 172
June 19, 1996 — Maryville Aquatic Center
Maryville 1,287, Atlantic 557, Savannah 354
Next event — June 23, 1996 Relay Invitational at Auburn, Neb.

Maryville Bronco League

Maryville Tournament
June 15-16, 1996
Saturday, June 15, results
Maryville 6, Northwest 0
St. Joseph 14, Nodaway County 1
Fremont 23, Omaha 2
Independence 9, Nebraska City 2
Warrensburg 19, Northwest 1
Kansas City 27, Nodaway County 1
Omaha 6, Maryville 4
St. Joseph 7, Nebraska City 2
Warrensburg 9, Fremont 2
Kansas City 7, Independence 0
Omaha 10, Northwest 8
Nodaway County 8, Nebraska City 3
Maryville 4, Warrensburg 3
St. Joseph 9, Kansas City 6
Sunday, June 16, results
Cancelled because of rain

Maryville Softball

WOMEN'S

Bank Midwest	6	1
Dug's Subs	5	1
Sports Page	4	1
Tarkio Acad.	3	2
Clinton Allen	4	4
Spec Shop	3	4
Hy-Vee	2	4
Cookies	2	5
K&V Lawns	0	7

MEN'S

"A" league		"B" League			
Outback	6	0	Ferbergers	7	1
E-5	4	2	Sport Shop	5	2
Cookies	4	2	Friends	5	3
K&V Lawns	4	2	Chestnut	5	3
TO's Redogs	4	3	The Palms	4	3
Sayes	3	3	Def Jam	4	4
Irvin Farms	2	5	Carter's	3	5
T&T	2	5	Grace Const.	2	5
Barnard Tav.	1	4	KNIM	2	6
Looks	0	4	Sears & O'Riley	1	6

"C-1" League		"C-2" League			
Patton Sales	5	0	Bad Company	5	0
J&J Auto	4	0	Heilig-Meyers	5	1
L&L Auto	3	1	American Legion	4	1
Pizza Hut	4	2	1st Baptist	3	2
Leaverton	3	2	Community/Faith	2	3
Energizers	3	3	ARAMARK	2	3
Hy-Vee	2	4	Brand Const.	2	4
Laura Street	1	4	Lumber's Angels	1	4
Jason's Const.	1	5	P&L Clinic	0	6
Alice's	0	5			

Maryville Sand Volleyball

WOMEN'S OPEN

Dream Team	7	2
Eveready	7	2
Melba Lites	7	2
Grand River	6	3
Moog	6	3
Maryville HC	4	5
Sand Diggers	3	6
First Bank	3	6
Plummer	1	8
B.J.'s West	1	8

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Recreational Red		Recreational Blue			
NC+ Hybrids	6	0	Pagliari's	6	0
NW Imports	3	0	Here's the Beef	3	0
Floreas Auto	2	1	Sandpipers	5	1
Moog	3	3	Grand River	4	2
Lacledes	3	3	American Legion	4	2
Sports Page	3	3	Diggers	2	1
City Slammers	1	5	Swede Redi	0	6
Holtman	0	3	First Bank	0	6
Deen & Pitz	0	3	Molly's	0	6

Competitive

Yard Dogs	6	0
Neihart	4	2
Children's Depot	2	1
Stray Cats	3	3
Archer Auto	0	3
Sand Dogs	0	6

National Basketball Association

NBA Finals
Saturday, June 16, results
Chicago 87, Seattle 75
Bulls win series 4-2

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE		NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Central Division		Central Division			
Cleveland	45	24	St. Louis	35	34
Chicago	41	28	Houston	36	37
Milwaukee	34	35	Pittsburgh	33	38
Minnesota	33	35	Chicago	33	38
Kansas City	31	41	Cincinnati	28	36

East Division		West Division			
New York	39	28	Atlanta	44	26
Baltimore	36	31	Montreal	40	30
Toronto	30	40	Florida*	33	37
Boston	29	40	New York	31	39
Detroit	18	53	Philadelphia	29	40

West Division		
Texas	43	27
Seattle	36	32
California	37	33
Oakland	33	38

* late game

SPORTS

Sharks pick up 1st win of year

Swim team loses 1st dual meet in 4 seasons, rebounds with victory

By Chris Geinosky
Sports Editor

A late start Wednesday turned the Maryville Sharks swim team's first home meet into a late-night victory.

Maryville ran away from the competition, scoring 1,287 team points while Atlantic finished with 557 and Savannah with 354.

"I gave the team a talk after the last meet and told them that their times weren't as good as last year," Brian Lohafer, Sharks head coach, said. "I told them to push themselves and work harder, and they responded well tonight."

Two Maryville swimmers stood above the rest at the meet by setting pool records.

Traci Harr broke four 8-and-under records on the victorious night.

Harr broke the 50-meter freestyle by more than seven seconds, the 25-meter butterfly by five seconds and the 25-meter backstroke by three seconds.

Harr finished the freestyle in a time of 45.22 seconds, the butterfly in 22.69 and the backstroke in 26.84.

However, Harr completely annihilated the 100-meter individual medley time by an unheard-of 24 seconds.

The old record used to be 2 minutes, 23.18 seconds, but Harr finished the race in 1:59.00.

Lohafer said Harr has swum well thus far, and people can expect much more from her in the near future.

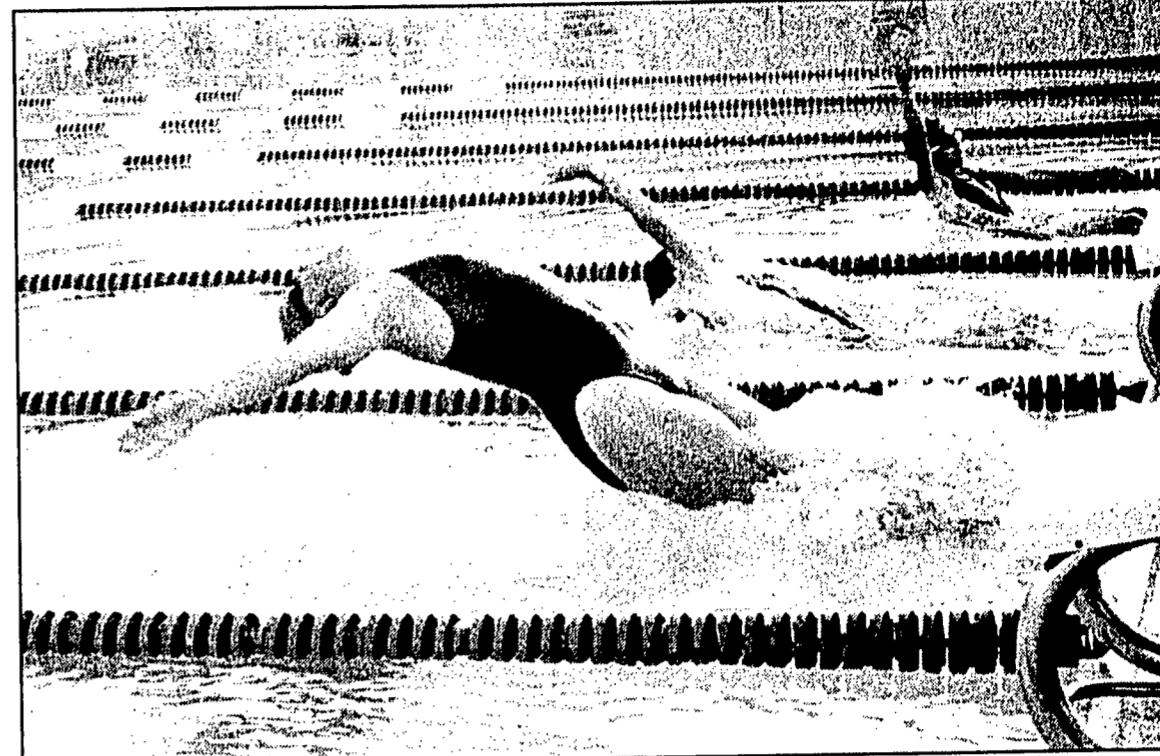
"She has broken records at every meet so far, and she'll be something to watch," Lohafer said.

Another Shark with an outstanding performance was Erin Lohafer. Lohafer broke her own record in the 11- to 12-year-old 50-meter backstroke.

Maryville traveled to Nebraska Monday, but the Sharks came up short and lost their first dual meet in four years.

Nebraska City jumped on top early and never surrendered the lead throughout the meet as it dumped Maryville by the score of 384-172.

After the medley relays, the Sharks trailed by 72 points, and they could not recover.



It's safe to go back in the water. Erin Lohafer of the Maryville Sharks leads off in the 11- and 12-year-old 100-meter medley relay Wednesday night.

Maryville tasted a little bit of its own medicine Monday because Nebraska City had more than 140 swimmers at the meet while the Sharks were only able to take 45.

"We were out-manned, and they were well conditioned," Lohafer, said. "They

did to us what we always do to other teams."

Maryville will be back in action this weekend at the Relay Invitational at Auburn, Neb., and the Sharks will be back at the MAC at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday to face off with Clarinda, Iowa.

From

the BackRow

Bulls put cap on Cinderella NBA season



After completing the most successful regular season in the history of the sport, the Chicago Bulls walked away with the NBA's most prized possession earlier this week by defeating the Seattle SuperSonics in the championship series.

Being from Chicago, of course I was ecstatic watching the Bulls win

their fourth championship crown in the '90s.

Many people ask if this is the greatest team of all time, but who really cares? Even though the Bulls went 72-10 during the regular season and 15-3 in the playoffs, wins did not come as easily as one might have thought.

This was a team that had to scratch and claw to victory, even with the Michael Jordans, Dennis Rodmans and Scottie Pippen. Everyone thinks of the big names when thinking about Chicago, but what about the importance of the role players on this team?

Where would the Bulls have been without Steve Kerr, Luc Longley and Ron Harper just to name a few?

And what can you possibly say about the antics of Rodman? Teams that play against him hate him, and fans of other teams cannot stand him. But if he plays for you, he is the most entertaining and loved guy on the court.

Rodman acted as the dominating force under the basket for the Bulls by controlling the boards throughout the playoffs averaging 14 rebounds a game, and then totally frustrating the Sonics' frontcourt in the final series.

Chicago had a great season, and it seemed as if every piece of the puzzle was there.

First, Coach of the Year honors went to Phil Jackson. What can you say about a man who had to deal with the Chicago media, coach players from other countries, keep everyone happy and still remember to win ball games?

Defense you ask? Well surprise, the Bulls have that too. Chalk up three All-NBA defensive players in Jordan, Pippen and Rodman, then add the likes of Ron Harper, and now you have a defense that creates turnovers and turns them into points. By the way, Chicago led the league in fewest points allowed too.

But what about the bench? Let's bring in Toni Kukoc, the league's Six-Man Award winner.

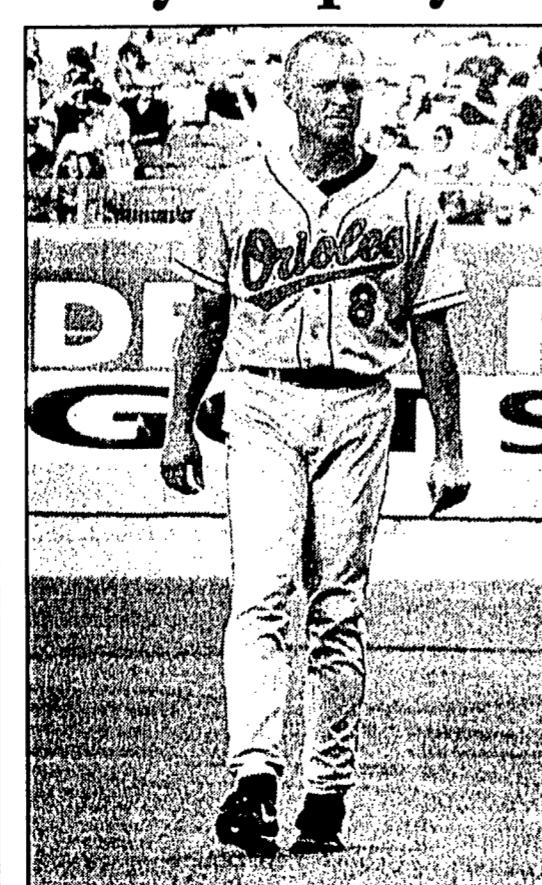
All we need now is the superstar to complete the team we need. Hey, maybe Mr. Jordan can fit the role. Well, he was the first player ever to win MVP of the year, the All-Star Game and the Championship Series; I guess he will have to do.

Anyway you want to look at this team though, it shows you what the definition of a team really is. Every man knew his role on the team; that is why it may be the most successful basketball team ever in the NBA.

Chris Geinosky is the sports editor for the Northwest Missourian.

7th Inning Stretch

Royals play host to historic event



By Greg Dalrymple
Photography Director

The Kansas City Royals were a part of history Friday night as Cal Ripken broke the world record for most consecutive games played. The Kansas City Royals played host to the Baltimore Orioles and Sachio Kinugasa of Japan the former world record holder.

Kinugasa and Ripken took part in the opening game ceremony in which Kinugasa threw out the first pitch to Ripken. While Kauffman Stadium was not sold out, the 19,000-plus fans did treat Ripken to a three and one half minute standing ovation when the game became official in the fifth inning.

The two players numbers are pretty similar, with Ripken batting .278 with 339 home runs and 1,315 RBI while Kinugasa batted .275, with 446 home runs and 1,278 RBI over the course of their respective streaks.

The two leagues have differing season lengths, in the United States the Major League season is 162 games long, while in Japan the season is 130. Because of this, Ripken reached 2,216 faster than did Kinugasa. The Streak while taking up the majority of the

Ripken's career, has not taken up all of it. Ripken was in the major leagues for two years before he took his last day off in 1982.

Ripken had an off-night at the plate Friday night, as he went zero for four. However, the Orioles did win the game 6-1. The Royals had a tough time getting the bats going as they went down in order three times.

The Royals had trouble on this 10-game home stand, winning only four out of 10, including two losses out of four attempts against the Orioles during the weekend.

Earlier in the week, the Royals also played the Seattle Mariners, winning two, losing all three to the California Angels.

The Royals are away from home for the next six games, a road trip they kicked off with a four-game series against Milwaukee Monday. The Royals won Wednesday night 8-4, bringing the record so far on the road trip to 1-2.

The Royals will be back in town Sunday to play Milwaukee during a five-game home stand.

The team hopes to put together some wins so they can get out of the basement of the American League Central and back into contention.

The Ironman commeth. Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken broke the world record for consecutive games played last Friday at Kauffman Stadium.

JENNIFER STEWART/Assistant Photography Director

Hopping through history

Kansas City museums offer a tempting trip through time for summer vacationers

By Colleen Cooke

Features Editor

It's summertime in the Midwest and that means vacation season is here — complete with big plans, big destinations and big bucks. So where are you headed this year — maybe to Florida for a famous mouse land, or California for fun in the sun?

Well, be prepared to share the beaches and the roads with the rest of America because these aren't exactly new travel ideas.

However, you do have other options — one that is staring you in the face each time you travel on I-35 or I-70: Kansas City. Sure, it may come across as the original hick town, but have you ever looked at all the history and culture this fair city has built into her? Where's the best place to view a city in microcosm? Museums.

Although there's a list in the phone book about a column and a half long, here's a good sampling of some places for an entire family.

Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art is not only the workhorse location of many grade school field trips, but it is also a gorgeous spot on a traveler's (or resident's) itinerary for a bright Saturday afternoon in Kansas City.

The enormous edifice features artwork of all types — everything from paintings and sculptures of the great and famous artists to recreations of period rooms and collections of sometimes bizarre modern art.

The marble entryway beckons patrons to a collection of corridors that lead to more small rooms. It's easy to get lost in this place, and not just in the system of hallways. Each painting, sculpture or display is an open invitation for hours of gazing and pondering. When you view a Monet or an ancient Chinese sculpture, you travel back in time.

This place can be kind of intimidating and awe-inspiring — and not just because of its massive size and towering ceilings. The works at the Nelson are the cousins or sisters of works that could easily be found in the most important museums of Paris, New York or London.

However, the impressive exhibits are not always the most attractive part of the museum for some. Many often make trips to the Nelson just to have a picnic on the front lawn and stroll around the artworks, especially the infamous oversized

The works at the Nelson are the cousins or sisters of works that could easily be found in the most important museums of Paris, New York or London.

shuttlecocks that decorate the grounds.

The Nelson is not open Mondays, nor on the Fourth of July, Christmas, New Year's or Thanksgiving. Its hours are Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday 1-5 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for students with a valid ID, \$1 for children 6 to 18 and free for children under 5.

This summer the Nelson offers Sprint Fridays — after 5 p.m. with museum admission, patrons can be treated to live music and special dinners.

However, an added bonus of the museum is free admission on Saturdays. So if you're short of cash and just want to take in some art, take a trip back in time at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, located on Oak Street.

The Toy and Miniature Museum

Almost next door to the Nelson on Oak (on the edge of the University of Missouri-Kansas City campus) lies the Toy and Miniature Museum. The museum opened in 1982 with the antique dollhouses and miniature collections of Mary Harris Francis and Barbara Marshall. But these aren't your average dollhouses, nor is the collection limited to miniatures.

One of the fascinating parts of the museum is the room with enormous and detailed dollhouses. These houses are at least 4 feet tall, sometimes 5, and each room has tiny furnishings that can keep you occupied for hours.

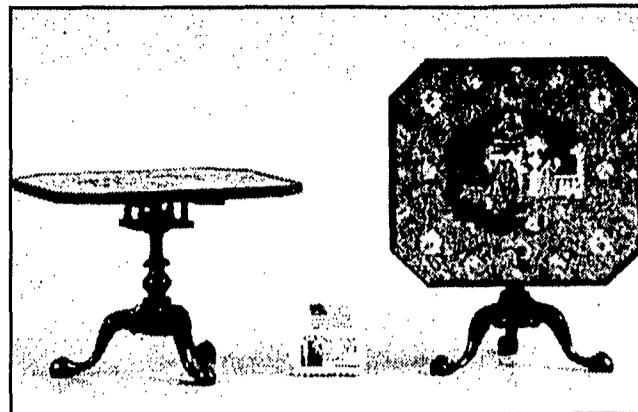
Young children may be more fascinated by the complete collection of Barbie dolls, including the 3-foot-tall version. In addition to all the current models, this display tracks the beginning of the Barbie phenomenon with the earliest dolls on display, so expect early Christmas lists from Barbie enthusiasts.

This summer the museum features a special exhibit: "Playing for Keeps," a marble collection that is on display from May 30 to Nov. 3.

The Toy and Miniature Museum is open Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. In addition to being closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, it is not open major holidays and the first two weeks after Labor Day. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children over 3.

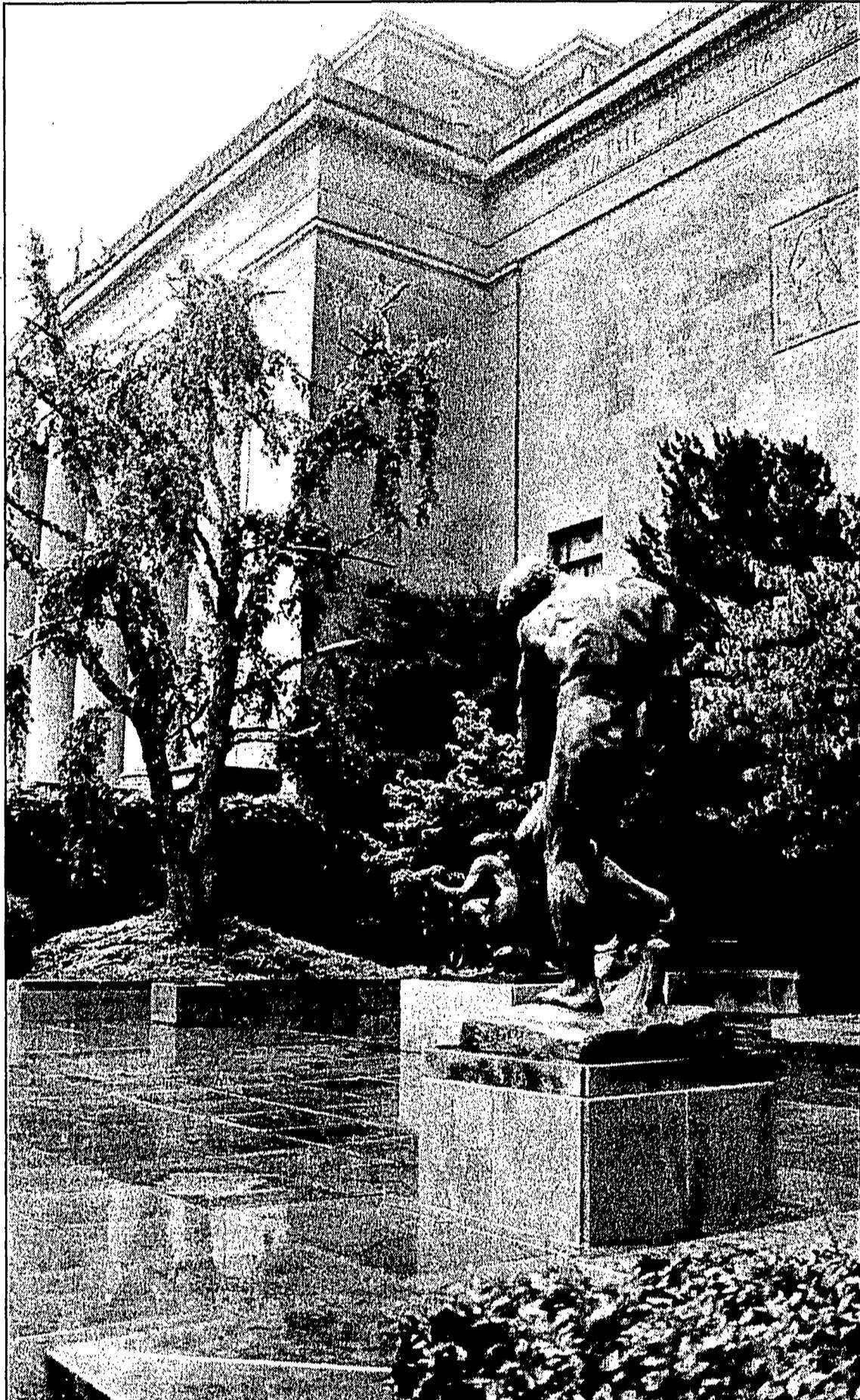
The Hallmark Visitors Center

Kansas City is the center for many things —



Stamp of perfection. (right) A postage stamp illustrates how small some of the miniatures in the Toy and Miniature Museum can get. Photo courtesy the Toy and Miniature Museum.

Carved into history. (below) One of many works of art that adorn the gardens around the Nelson, a statue watches over the decorated grounds.



GREG DALRYMPLE/Photography Director

Chiefs football, legendary jazz and also the headquarters of Hallmark, Inc. Hallmark commemorates this fact with the Hallmark Visitors Center on Crown Center. It is fairly new, having opened Jan. 10, 1985, on the 75th anniversary of Hallmark's existence.

Your journey through the center starts with a sign above the door announcing "Through the Keyhole, Enter the Magical World of Creativity."

You then go back in time to see the beginning of Hallmark with a display of the company's first products, working up to its latest endeavors.

One of the more bizarre displays is the J.C. Hall Christmas Tree Collection. Every year, from 1966 to 1982, Hallmark employees pitched in to create a special Christmas tree for Hallmark's founder and owner, Mr. Hall. As the years progressed, the trees became more and more, shall we say, inventive. Some rotate to give the full effect. One is composed entirely of Christmas cards, one is made of a bunch of smaller trees and one is called the Santa Claus tree — a green base with every kind of Santa figure available.

But perhaps the most fascinating part of the visitors center is the section in which you get to see how an idea becomes a product — everything from greeting cards to crayons to bows. With the press of a button, you can have a bow made out of ribbons and watch the whole process.

The center is open Monday-

Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturdays and most holidays. There is no admission, but reservations are required for groups of 10 or more.

The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum

As one of the most recent additions to Kansas City's museum collection, the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum is the first and so far only one of its kind in the world. Under the guidance of its chairman, legendary Kansas City Monarchs player John "Buck" O'Neil, this small, yet historical, place opened in July 1994. Its location at 18th and Vine streets is just a few blocks from the spot where in 1920 the Negro National Leagues were formed.

Inside, the exhibits are in the shape of a baseball diamond, complete with astroturf-green walls and floors. As you stroll the basepaths, you're not merely heading toward home, you're walking down history lane, exploring the beginnings of blacks in baseball.

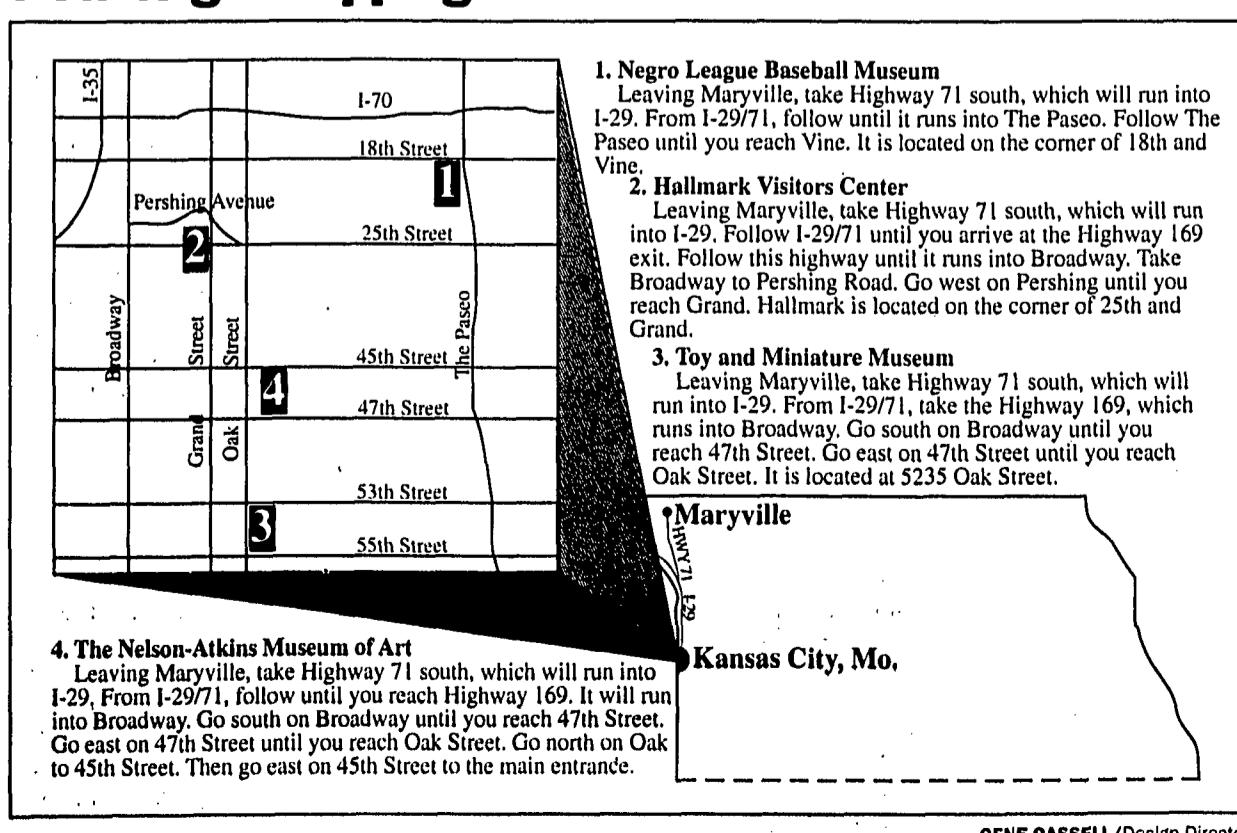
You can learn the history through old pictures, newspaper stories and anecdotes, but also through artifacts from such greats as Satchel Paige or recreations of uniforms from the Monarchs and Giants. Those names may have faded from the current lexicon, but their legacy and history lives on in the likes of Ken Griffey Jr. and Frank Thomas.

In a time when Major League baseball is overrun with huge salaries and egos, the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum offers a refreshing look at a time with players didn't care about salary caps or owners' agreements — they just wanted to play ball.

The museum is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Sunday noon-4:30 p.m. Admission is \$2 for innings of fun and learning.

This summer you could be stuck on I-70 in endless construction for hundreds of miles, or you could take a short hop to Kansas City and take the path less traveled — the one back in time.

How to get hopping



GENE CASSELL/Design Director

AT YOUR LEISURE

Thursday, June 20, 1996

The Stroller

Drunk pool game turns bloody

Your Man is quite possibly the world's luckiest bad pool player. I tell ya, there's nothing like taking careful, albeit drunk, aim at a table full of bright pool balls, straining to concentrate on all those forgotten physics (and computer pool) lessons over the din of country music, only to have your rocket-like shot sink not one but TWO of your opponent's balls.

However, this is not to say that Your Man is the safest of pool players. Who knew that a docile (and, let me repeat, *drunk*) sport such as slap shot pool could result in bloodletting? Obviously not me.

The saga begins on a warm (aren't they all) night last week when Your Man decided to celebrate the inaugural Stroller column with a few of my favorite adult beverages at a local establishment (hint: the name of the place might remind you of a part of the *Missourian*. And it's not the funeral home. Good luck). After a few tasty Wild Flings, my blood was warming up (and apparently ready to jump out) for a friendly, no-holds-barred, last-man-standing-wins game of pool.

It is important to recall at this point that I really do suck at this game, even though I loudly informed the patrons of the bar that I would be wiping the floor with them.

Not surprisingly, I lost game after game, usually thanks to stupid rules, such as that silly one about scratching when trying to sink the eight ball (hell, I was lucky to get ANY ball in the darn hole). But Your Man isn't one to give up after three hours of humiliating play. No sirree Bob.

My opponent, who just happened to be my roommate, Bob, happily agreed to another game because he was getting a kick out of videotaping the catastrophe for further use at parties (sadist). By this time in the evening, I was getting just a tad cocky (not the Stroller!) and overconfident. Again let me remind you that I still suck at this game.



THE STROLLER

Your Man battles roommate, effects of Wild Flings

While trying to sink a particularly intricate shot (left-handed, behind the back, no eyes, one nose plugged and wearing a gray felt fedora), Your Man's pool cue took a bad hop and my hand became impaled.

Silly me figured a smooth, sophisticated pool cue like the one I had so painfully examined and deemed worthy would pose no serious health threat. Although my opponent, Bob "Dumbass" Roommate, did lose an eye like Mom always said he would. (Damn fool knew better than to bend over, head turned at 135 degrees to the left, one eye

cocked and sticking his tongue out while I was measuring my shot. Slipped outta my hand. Whoops.)

Anyway, the scene at the Page (not the Pub. *sniff*) has played out in slow motion for me many times since that fateful night (thanks to Bob's camera. Party on, roomie). As the pool cue careered out of my hands (and into Bob's eye), my left hand shot toward the metal edge of the table while still advancing rapidly forward. A one-fourth inch chunk of knuckle from my middle finger sailed from my hand as the blood spurted out. Well, not spurt. Trickled at least.... Um, maybe reddens. Well, it's bruised in any case.

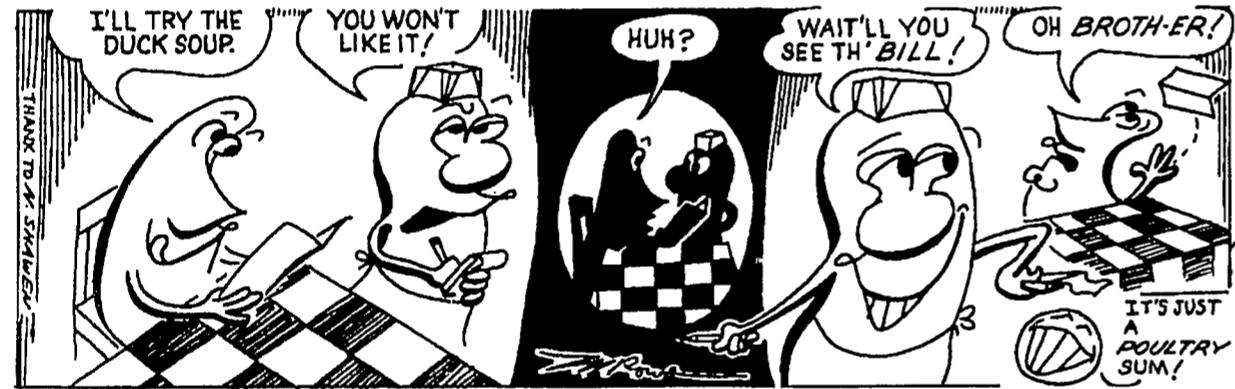
The poor pool balls scattered and joined Bob's eye on the table (kidding!) Doesn't it feel just like the Zapruder tape? Oh the excitement! Oh the violence! Oh the conspiracy? (You never know, I do watch the "X-Files." "They" might be after me.)

In the aftermath, I now have a bandaged middle finger (which is a lot of fun to show off to strangers). And I learned a bit of a chemistry lesson: five Wild Flings + trick shot = bloodshed.

What — I never promised I'd have deep meanings in these ramblings. You're darn lucky I'm teaching you anything valuable at all, you ingrates.

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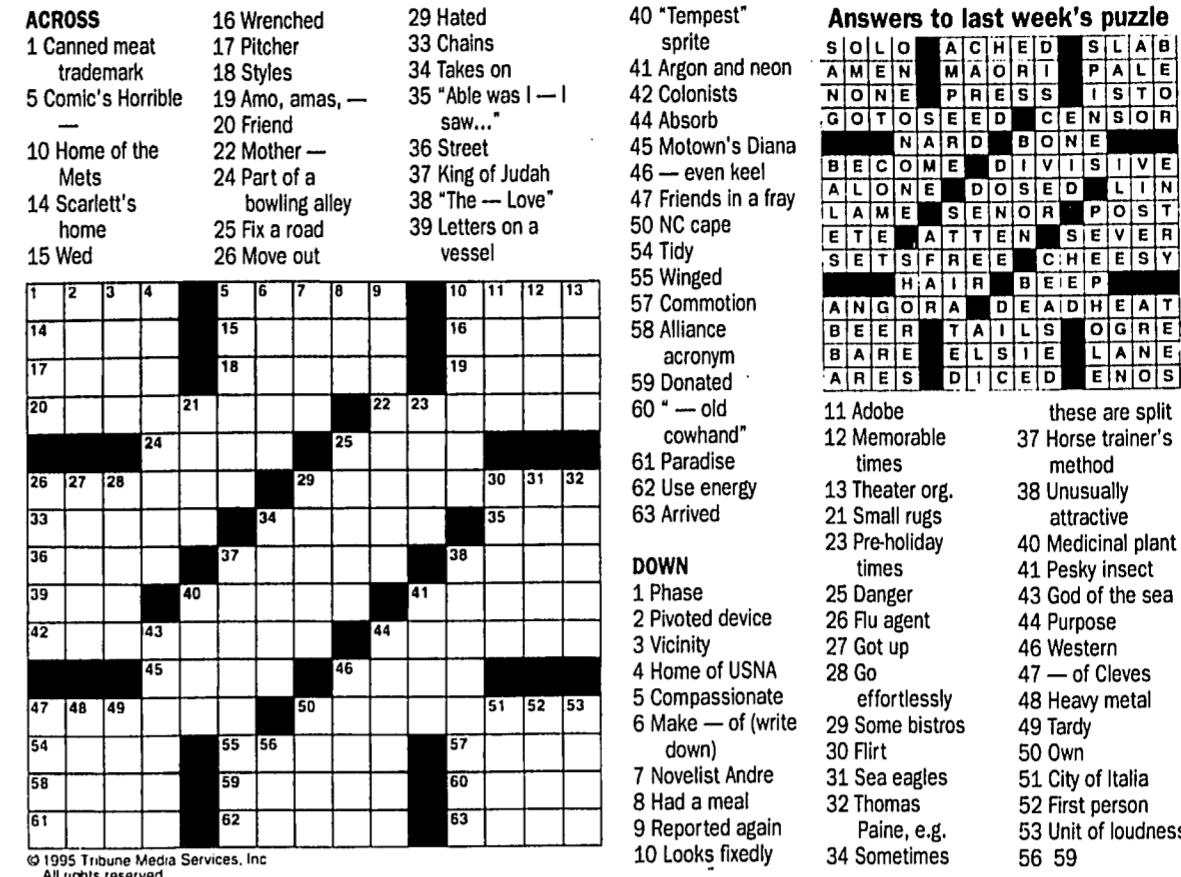
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Weekly Events



Kansas City

June 20-23 - "Hello Dolly" at Shawnee Mission Park. Gates open at 6 p.m., show begins at 8:30 p.m. Bring chairs or blankets. Admission: \$1 per person on Thursday, \$2 Friday-Saturday

June 21 - Comedian Adam Sandler at 8 p.m. at the Sandstone Amphitheatre in Bonner Springs, Kan.

June 22 - Summer Jam '96, featuring John Kay and Steppenwolf, Iron Butterfly, Jim Dandy and Black Oak Arkansas and Heat East. Show begins at 7 p.m. at Sandstone Amphitheatre

June 24 - "Little Shop of Horrors" opens at 8:30 p.m. at Starlight Amphitheatre; Show runs through June 30

June 25 - Heart of America Shakespeare Festival with "Romeo and Juliet" opens at Southmoreland Park and runs through July 14. Pre-show activities begin at 6:15 p.m., showtime at 8:15 p.m.

June 27 - Lollapalooza with Metallica, Soundgarden, the Ramones and others; begins at 2 p.m. at Longview Lake. Admission: \$37.50

Des Moines

June 20, 22 - "SummerMusic 1996," music by nationally acclaimed players and members of the Des Moines Symphony, at 8 tonight at Grand View Center Theatre; 8 p.m. Saturday at Briar Cliff College in Sioux City. A forum will take place at 7 p.m. prior to each show. Admission: \$9 (515) 255-5444

June 22, 30; July 2, 5 - "Macbeth," presented by the Des Moines Metro Opera at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and July 2 and 5; 2 p.m. June 30. Blank Performing Arts Center, Simpson College, Indianola. Admission: \$24-\$49 (515) 961-6221

June 23-28 - "Art Explorer," a camp for kids to discover the artists in them, at the Natural Resource Center near Ames. Admission: \$160 for ages 9-14 only (515) 795-3338

June 25-30 - "Grease" at the Civic Center of Greater Des Moines. Admission: \$15 - \$42, tickets available at box office or Ticketmaster outlets

June 28 - "La Boheme," performed by the Des Moines Metro Opera in English at 7:30 p.m. Sunday and July 14 at the Blank Performing Arts Center; Admission: \$29-\$49 (515) 961-6221

Omaha

June 20-22 - "Play Search Festival" at the Dinner Theatre 6064 Maple St. dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Admission: show - \$9 and \$10; dinner and show - \$15 and \$16 (402) 553-4715

June 21-23 - Storytelling Festival of Nebraska - To carry on the oral tradition, the festival offers workshops for adults and children, including many storytelling concerts featuring some of the best tellers in the country. They will be joined by many local regional tellers. Friday, noon - 11 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sunday, 2 - 5 p.m. (402) 558-6185, College of St. Mary, 1901 S. 72nd St.

June 22 - Blackhawk at 8 p.m. at Fun-Plex, 72nd and Q streets. Admission: \$17.50 (402) 422-1212

June 23 - NASCAR Winston Racing Series - racing begins at 6:30 p.m. Admission: \$7 adults; \$4 seniors; \$2 children 6-12; free 5 and under. Sunset Speedway, 114th and State streets; (402) 493-5211

June 25-30 - "Carousel," starring the Royal National Theater of Great Britain at the Orpheum Theater.

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OPINION

Our View

Soar days forget about students in the shuffle

Student orientation and registration began with good intentions to familiarize students with Northwest, but those intentions were forgotten as IBM sales pitches and pre-imposed class schedules dominated the day.

It is highly doubtful that these families drive to Maryville to listen to a sales pitch about a EC+ program they have read about in the mailings.

Mailings may not explain all the details, but few can find a book about making a connection to Northwest.

Many administrators want to connect the students through the terminal world of the EC+ program.

EC+ seems to be the future of Northwest, but the entire sales pitch has reached the point of annoyance. It seems like the freshman class and their parents are being bombarded with EC+ packets, demonstrations and prices.

There is a difference between presenting the information to the students and the current process of shoving the terminals down their throats. The students are bored and the parents are disappointed.

Class schedules are also being forced upon the freshmen. During SOAR, students receive a schedule for first block based on their major. Recommendations from the individual students were not included.

If students have their schedules arranged for them, are instructors going to go to class for them as well?

College is the one time of your life when you are the only one making decisions. When these schedules are made, do they think about the student's study habits and sleeping habits?

Admissions needs to realize that this group of 17- and 18-year-olds are not a group of robots here to be programmed into taking classes on a personal computer and waking up when they are scheduled.

We need to realize this group is the future of Northwest. Someday they will be the leaders of Northwest, but how will they be able to think when it is being done for them the second they step on this campus?

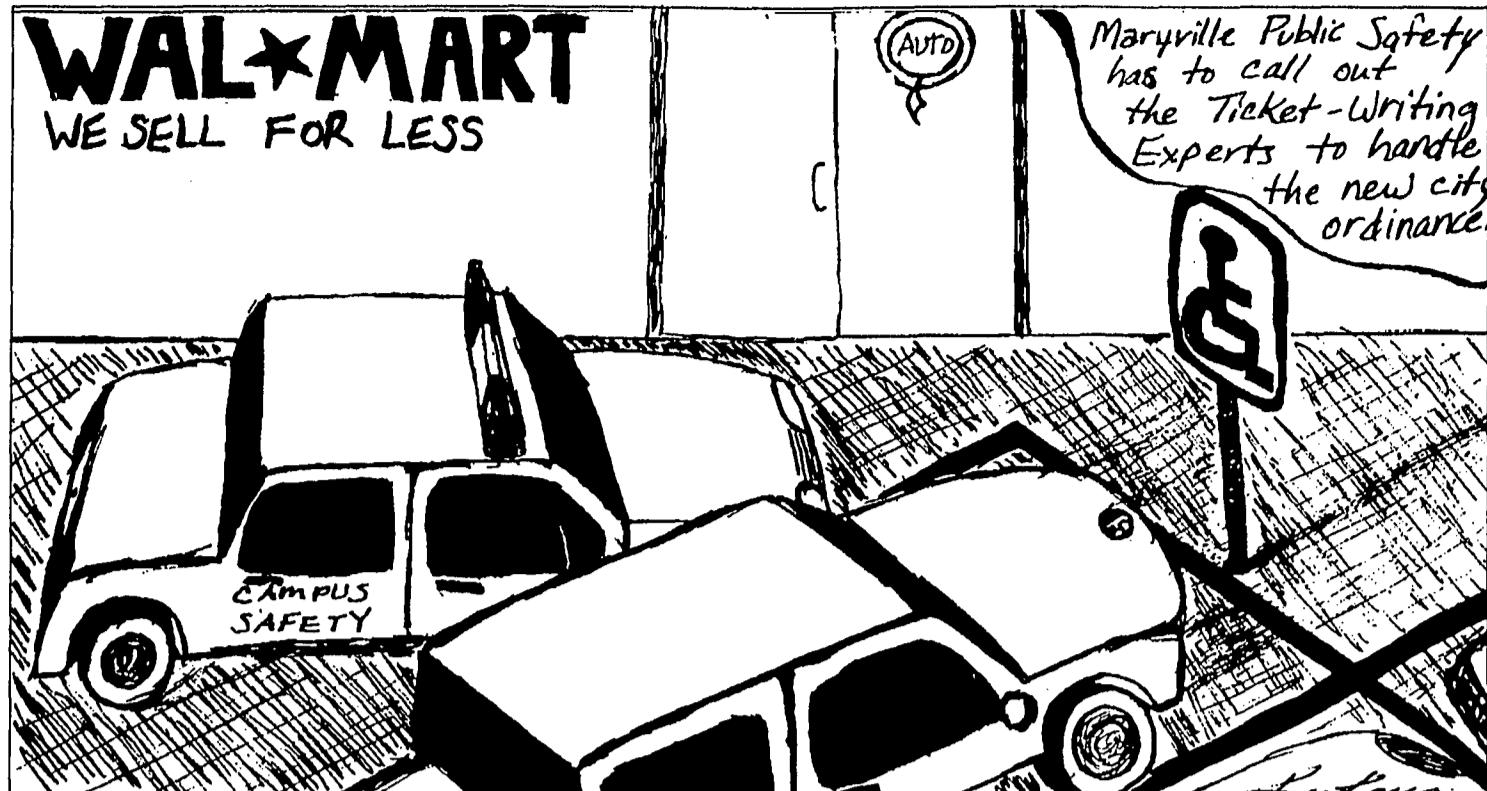
Granted, EC+ is not something to ignore. In fact, EC+ is an excellent program with a lot of potential.

Potential is the key word. It seems as though the University has focused on a pilot program but has forgotten about the importance of other aspects of attending Northwest.

Admissions has worked very hard creating SOAR days to bring the world of Northwest closer to the students.

We need to remember the importance of helping the students and parents make their connection to Northwest for the entire college experience, not just the EC+ program.

Because students were forgotten in the shuffle, the EC+ orientation and forced class schedules should be reexamined for future SOAR days.

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Community Turn

Sales tax would assist parks in Maryville

ROD
AUXIER

The recent summer weather, along with the official beginning of summer, has brought attention to local parks throughout the country. Local parks and recreation programs are designed to serve the needs of the area residents. Local

parks are used on daily for picnics, walking or playing on playground equipment.

In 1995, more than 9,000 area residents participated in the structured programs offered by the Maryville Parks and Recreation Department. In addition, numerous individuals take advantage of park services, including reservations for shelters, ball fields and sand volleyball courts. The Maryville Aquatic Center has several summer programs, plus more than 45,700 visited the MAC for general swim in 1995.

Across the state of Missouri, most of the local parks and recreation departments are funded through taxes paid by local land owners. Citizens within the city limits fund the parks and programs offered through the local department. This is a static type of funding due to the rollbacks required by the Hancock Amendment. With expenditures increasing annually and revenues remaining the same, it makes it difficult to maintain the current level of service.

Since most communities are faced with this problem, the Missouri Park and Recreation Association has joined forces with the Missouri Municipal League to form a coalition to look at statewide funding to assist local park departments. One option is the redistribution of the funds received through the one-tenth cent sales tax that benefits state parks, along with soil and water conservation.

This would provide additional monies for local parks, while funding our state parks at the same level. Residents depend on the local park department to provide

the needed facilities and services. Recreation programs also provide a positive outlet for the community's youth. This funding source would allow departments to meet the needs of residents without increasing taxes.

A one-half cent sales tax for local parks is available for the funding of the local parks departments or for the funding of capital improvements of the department. Boundaries for departments can also be expanded beyond the city limits, with all citizens paying the park tax.

The MPR Board has worked to identify the needs of the community and to develop financing options to meet these needs.

I would encourage you to look at these options and voice your support or concern regarding the option of your choice. Send your responses to the Maryville Park and Recreation Board. Your input allows the board to make decisions that best meet the desires of the community.

Rod Auxier is the director of Maryville Parks and Recreation Board.

Community Turn

'Megan's Law' will make communities safer

PAT
DANNER

In 1994, 7-year-old Megan Kanka was kidnapped, raped and murdered near her New Jersey home.

The individual charged with Megan's murder was the Kankas' new neighbor, a twice-convicted sex offender. It was only after his arrest that the Kanka family learned of the history of sex offenses.

While Congress certainly can do nothing to bring Megan back or free her family from this nightmare, we can — and must — work to protect other children from sexual predators. That is the purpose of "Megan's Law," legislation that requires states to make relevant information available to communities about released sex offenders, information that should have been available to the Kankas.

"Although this legislation will not solve the problem completely, it is a major first

step," Mrs. Kanka said as the U.S. House of Representatives recently passed the bill named after her daughter.

As the Kankas' case so vividly illustrates, our criminal justice system often paroles or releases these sex offenders as if they were bogeymen, imaginary figures only to be feared by children in their sleep. But the reality is that these child sex offenders are real-life criminals with real-life records.

As statistics show, prison sentences do not purge these sex offenders of their sick, criminal motivation to molest children. Often, they commit more crimes after being released.

Sex offenders are a different species of criminal altogether, and they deserve to be treated as such. Once convicted, these individuals should be punished to the full extent of the law.

In 1994, Congress mandated that states maintain databases with information about sex offenders. At this point, the public only has limited access to potentially lifesaving data about released or paroled sex offenders because the notification procedure has

been voluntary, not mandatory.

In fact, efforts at the state level to inform parents about neighbors with sex offense records have in some cases been thwarted by the courts.

Megan's Law, which passed both the Senate and the House and was signed into law by the President, is intended to give the states stronger legal standing in their cases to make this information public.

Sex offenders should not be allowed to move undetected and unsupervised into new neighborhoods where they can brutalize unsuspecting victims.

One of the true measures of a society is the value it places on the well-being of its children. As several members of the House of Representatives pointed out, this legislation puts the safety of children ahead of the rights of sex offenders.

That is the only responsible decision, and it is one that is past due. Parents should know if sex offenders are living in their neighborhoods.

Pat Danner is the Sixth District U.S. Representative.

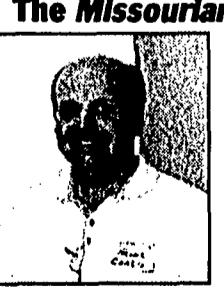
It's Your Turn

What is your impression of Northwest and SOAR days?

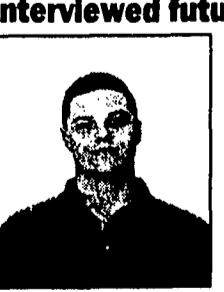
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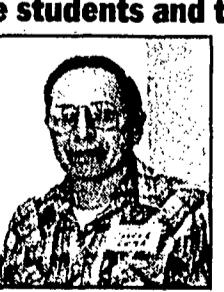
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Police Reports

These reports are taken from the official reports that Maryville Public Safety and the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department receive.

■ June 3 - Doug Raasch, Maryville, reported the theft of a revolver and holster from his residence.

■ June 5 - Officers took a report of a phone harassment from a subject in Burlington Junction.

■ June 5 - Ronnie Fuller, 27, Skidmore, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for motion to revoke probation. He was released on bond.

■ June 5 - Michael G. Hubbard, 21, Edgerton, was picked up from Platte County on a Nodaway County warrant for driving while suspended. He was released on bond.

■ June 6 - Mark D. Hovey, 36, St. Joseph, was picked up from Buchanan County on a Nodaway County warrant for probation violation. He was released on bond.

■ June 6 - Officers took a report of an assault south of Maryville.

■ June 6 - Sherry Burson, Windsor, reported a burglary to a house in Elmo.

■ June 6 - Christopher Kelly, 20, Hopkins, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for passing bad checks. He was released on bond.

■ June 7 - A search warrant was executed at a residence in Parnell. Terry L. Steinman, 40, Parnell, was arrested on a charge of possession of less than 35 grams of marijuana. He was released on a summons.

■ June 7 - Brad A. Peve, 21, Hopkins, and Richard D. Vance, 21, Hopkins, were arrested on a charge of property damage in connection to damage done to a vehicle in Hopkins. Both subjects were released on summons.

■ June 10 - Officers took a report of telephone harassment.

■ June 11 - A Maryville female reported the theft of a red and grey Craftsman riding lawn mower from her residence. Loss value \$1500.

■ June 11 - Edith A. Shell, Maryville, was backing from a private drive on Lieber and Walnut when she struck a St. Joseph Light and Power vehicle that was illegally parked. Shell was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ June 12 - A Maryville female reported she was being harassed by another female subject.

■ June 12 - A Maryville male reported he had been assaulted by another male subject in the 1700 block of South Main.

■ June 12 - A Maryville female brought in a cordless phone her husband found between Dewey and 13th streets. A Maryville male later contacted Public Safety reporting he had lost his cordless phone. After describing the phone, it was returned to him.

■ June 12 - A bicycle was recovered from the 700 block of West 16th.

■ June 12 - A local business reported a male had gotten \$5 worth of gasoline and left without paying for it.

■ June 12 - Natalie S. Shuler, Trenton, was north on Vine and pulled into the intersection on Third in the path of Kenneth A. Durbin, Ravenwood, who was heading west. Shuler was issued a citation for failure to yield.

■ June 12 - Fire units responded to the 600 block of South Saunders after receiving a 911 call from a child who stated his bedroom was on fire. Upon arrival no fire or smoke was found and it was determined that the male juvenile had called in a false alarm. The juvenile was referred to the juvenile officer.

■ June 13 - A bicycle was recovered from Davison Square.

■ June 13 - Leanna R. Goodson, Ravenwood, was backing from a private drive on Buchanan south of Torrance and struck John B. Booth, Maryville, who was parked. Goodson was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ June 13 - Alan Schluter, Maryville, reported the theft of coins from his business.

■ June 13 - Officers took a report of phone harassment in Maryville.

■ June 14 - Clifford Herndon, Parnell, reported vandalism to his tractor while it was parked in a field.

■ June 14 - At approximately 1:30 a.m. Michael T. Hollaway, Pattonsburg and Terry L. Phelps, Davis City, Iowa, were apprehended by a Nodaway County deputy while they were attempting to escape jail. Both subjects were arrested immediately. The Nodaway County Prosecutor has filed Class A felony charges on both subjects.

■ June 14 - A Maryville male reported his family had been receiving harassing phone calls.

■ June 14 - Fire units stood by for Life Flight. It landed and departed without incident.

■ June 14 - Arcella R. Couts, Maryville, was backing from a private drive and struck Patricia A. Castillo, Maryville, who was west on 16th, east of North College. Couts was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ June 14 - Lindy S. Blessington, Skidmore, was traveling west out of the Easter's parking lot. Lavada L. Elliott, Banning, Calif. was traveling south and was turning to go west out of the lot. Both drivers said they did not see the other until they collided.

■ June 14 - Kelley Michelle White, born June 11 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and joins one sister at home. Grandparents are Robert and Evelyn O'Riley, Graham, and Larry and Mary Ellen Kimble, Grant City.

■ June 15 - Officers responded to the 500 block of East Seventh in reference to possible shots being fired. Upon arrival it was determined that it was an explosion. A Maryville male juvenile had picked up a plastic bottle to throw away and while carrying it, he dropped it at which time it exploded. He was taken to St. Francis Hospital where he was treated and released for superficial wounds.

■ June 15 - Officers responded to the 300 block of West Second on a complaint of a domestic dispute. Upon arrival a Public Safety officer observed two male subjects fighting in the front yard, and when they observed the officer, they stopped fighting. After talking with them and the resident, the following summons were issued: peace disturbance (disorderly house) to Shawn L. Cochran, 33, Maryville; assault and affray, Gary R. Fuller, 24, Burlington Junction; and affray to Ronnie L. Fuller, 27, Skidmore.

■ June 15 - Fire units responded to West Davison Square in reference to a suspicious odor. After arrival it was determined that there was gas leaking from a hot water heater.

■ June 15 - A Maryville female reported she was being harassed by a male.

■ June 16 - Bobbie Hull, Maryville, reported a burglary to his residence. Nothing was reported missing at the time.

■ June 16 - A Maryville male reported that Nathan A. Staples, 18, Maryville, had sprayed a female with mace. Contact was made with Staples and the female, Charity R. Stowell, 18, Maryville. Staples explained he had sprayed Stowell as she was striking another male subject. Both Staples and Stowell were issued summons for assault.

■ June 16 - Officers responded to the 500 block of Prather Avenue on a complaint of a fight. Upon arrival it was discovered that several people were attempting to remove a male subject, who was yelling and kicking at them, from the residence. One subject was identified as Robert L. Sturm, 19, Maryville, and was separated from the group and was escorted from the residence. Sturm attempted to return to the residence and was advised by the officer to stop but he refused. He resisted being handcuffed and was finally transported to Public Safety and issued a summons for two counts of assault, trespassing, resisting arrest and failure to comply with a police officer.

■ June 16 - Forrest D. Stark, Maryville, was struck in a hit-and-run in the Hy-Vee parking lot.

■ June 16 - Raymond L. Morrison, Hopkins and Kendra V. Gordon, Maryville, were south on Main when Gordon was stopped in traffic and struck in the rear by Morrison. Morrison was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ June 17 - Stephen Alexander, Hopkins, reported the theft of a 1993 Polaris 250 ATV from his residence. The ATV was recovered and returned to the owner. The subjects involved were turned over to the juvenile officer.

■ June 17 - A local business reported six bicycles had been stolen. Loss value was \$695.45.

■ June 17 - Lora Ordóñez, Elmo, reported vandalism to her vehicle while it was parked at her residence.

■ June 18 - An officer received a complaint of juveniles shooting a sling shot. Contact was made with them and they were referred to the juvenile officer.

■ June 18 - Greg McQuinn, Stanberry, reported the theft of a Kawasaki 300 4x4 from his residence. The 4x4 was later recovered and returned to the owner. The subjects involved were turned over to the juvenile officer.

■ June 18 - A Ravenwood female reported while her vehicle was parked in Maryville it had been damaged. A sharp object was used to scratch the vehicle on passenger and driver side doors and on the trunk.

■ June 18 - Officers arrested Jessie L. Edwards, 18, of Maryville, on a warrant for failure to appear from Gentry County.

■ June 18 - Officers arrested Jeffrey D. Ladd, 40, Maryville, for assault-domestic violence, following an incident in the 100 block of East Second. He was released after posting bond.

■ June 18 - Officers responded to the 600 block of East Fifth on a complaint of loud music. Upon arrival they observed a female holding a bottle containing an alcoholic beverage. When she observed the officer, she attempted to hide it. She was identified as Kristen R. Martin, 18, Maryville. She was issued a summons for minor in possession.

Births

Thomas Reuben Schwienebart

Mark and Cathi Schwienebart, Maryville, are the parents of Thomas Reuben born June 15 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and joins one brother at home.

Grandparents are J.D. and Peitha Rush, Maryville, and John and Connie Schwienebart, Maryville.

Aubrey Skyler Kimble

Kurt and Roberta Kimble, Maryville, are the parents of Aubrey Skyler born June 11 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and joins one sister at home.

Grandparents are Robert and Evelyn O'Riley, Graham, and Larry and Mary Ellen Kimble, Grant City.

Kelley Michelle White

Ken and Christa White, Maryville, are the parents of Kelley Michelle, born June 11 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 10 pounds, 7 ounces and joins one sister at home.

Grandparents are Art and Virginia Dietz, Erie, Pa. and Jim and Anna Mae White, Pittsburgh.

Conner Brianne Hetzler

Mark and Dana Hetzler, Maryville, are the parents of Conner Brianne, born June 6 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

Grandparents are Betty Mansfield, Paris, Ill., and Dave and Judy Hetzler, Robinson, Ill.

Obituary

David Hoffman

A car accident claimed the life of a Northwest student during the first weekend in June.

David Hoffman, 22, Spencer, Iowa, died June 2 near Marcus, Iowa.

Hoffman was an environmental science major at Northwest after transferring from Iowa Lakes Community College.

Hoffman, the son of Frank and Marlene Ripple Hoffman, was born Dec. 18, 1973. He spent his childhood years on the family farm east of

Forestoria, Iowa.

Hoffman was involved in several activities in high school, including track, FFA and band, where he played the drums. He was also involved in the 102 River club at Northwest.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather and his paternal grandparents.

He is survived by his parents; two brothers, Jeff and Brad; one sister, Renee and his maternal grandmother, Cecile Ripple.

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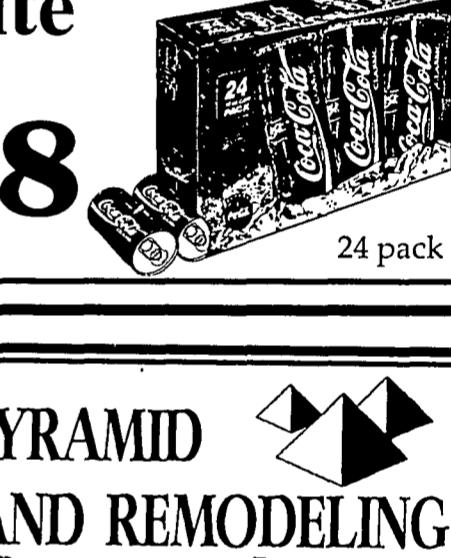
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Wet season hurts crop production

Weather makes corn grow at uneven pace, disturbs soybean planting schedule

By Ruby Dittmer

News Editor

After rains stranded them from their fields last year, Nodaway County farmers once again struggle with the forces of Mother Nature.

While 90 to 95 percent of the corn crop is planted, the low temperatures compiled with the past week's downpours have caused unevenness in the growth of crop. Much of the soybean crop remains to be planted, which is also creating problems for farmers.

Jim Nance, executive director of the Farm Service Association, said the cloudy days have not been "good" growing days for corn.

A majority of the corn crop in the county was planted in April when the fields were dry.

Carroll Scott, an area farmer, said he was glad to see the rain come to help his soybeans, but his corn is not growing at the normal pace.

"It's behind because of all the cold days," Scott said. "However in the last week, with the warmer temperatures, it has grown as fast as it can grow."

Larry Stiens said his corn crop grew as much in one week as it did in all of the month of May. Stiens also faced problems on his flat land when a river went out and covered parts of his field, leaving only a 50 to 75 percent stand in areas near the river.

"I'll replant an acreage of about 25 acres or so back to beans on the river bottom," Stiens said.

Stiens said he hopes to begin replanting just as soon as the weather cooperates and his flat dries out.

During last week's dry spell, Stiens was able to plant a majority of his soybean crop, and now he hopes the weather will cooperate the rest of

the season. Stiens believes if the weather returns to its normal patterns, the crops could be average.

In other farm news, Nodaway County farmers are continuing to sign up for the 1996 Farm Bill. Nance said approximately 50 percent of farmers have already signed up for the seven-year program that will allow them to produce crops more freely.

Nodaway County farmers are not alone in their willingness to participate in the farm bill. In the first three weeks of sign-up more than 28,000 of Missouri's 79,000 farmers have already contracted to be in the program.

Farmers are encouraged to enroll their land in the program with the reminder that signing the contract does not mean the land cannot be removed until the contract expires. At any time a contract can be broken.

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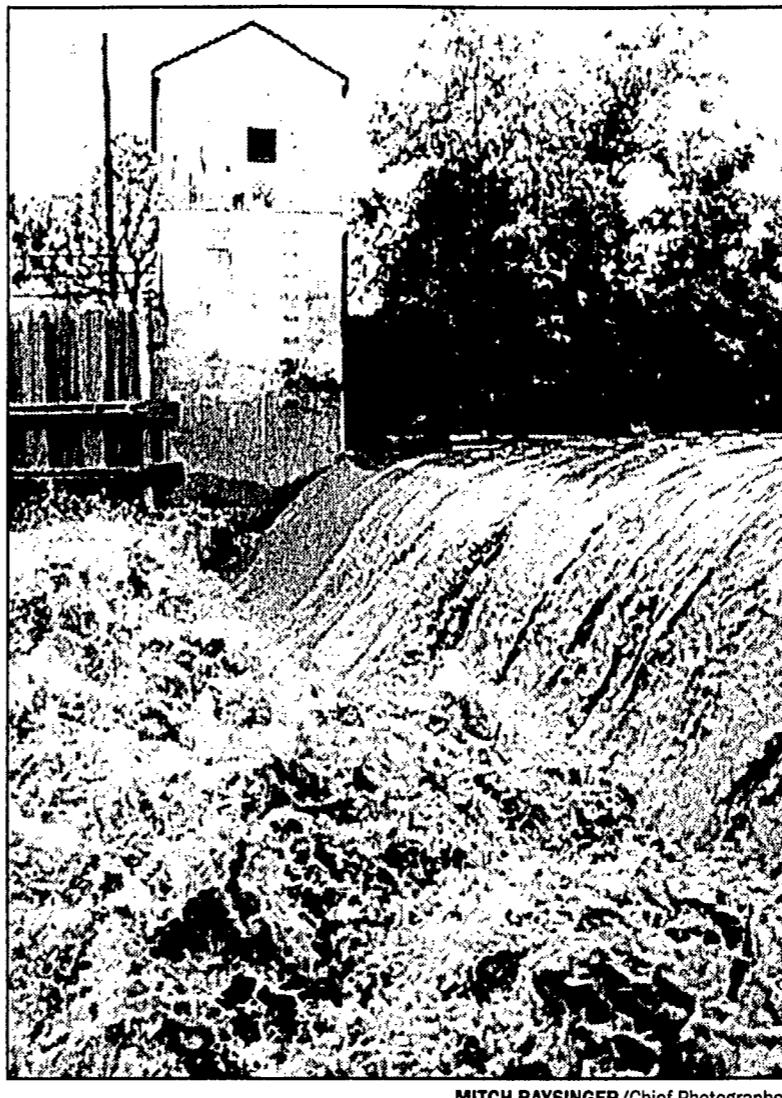
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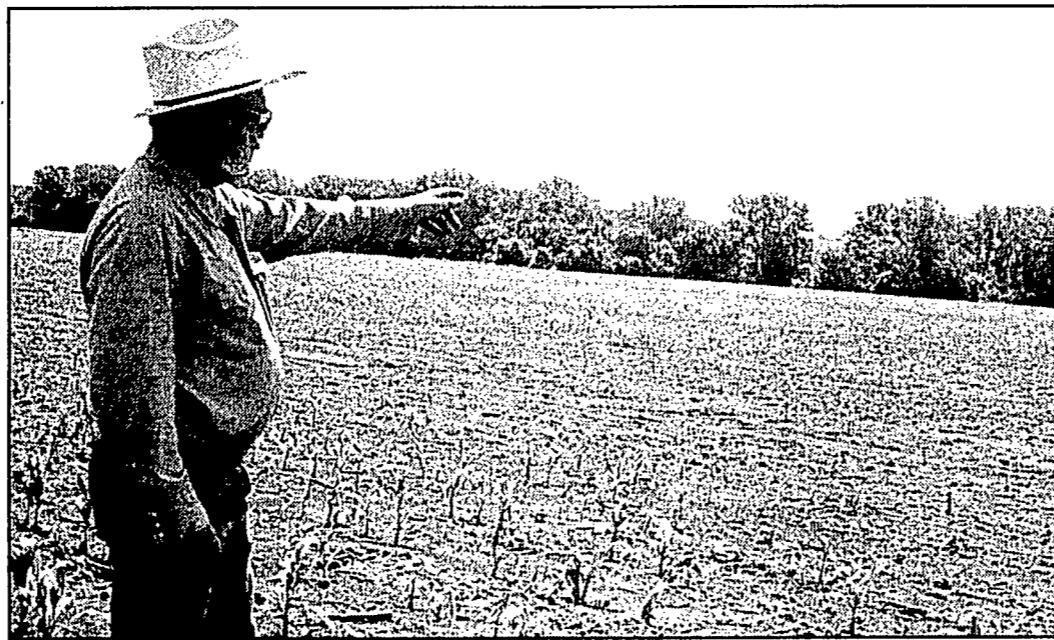
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Almost full.
Heavy rains have caused the 102 River to rise. Recent weather has also resulted in debris washing up on the dam.

Rained out.
Because of a rainy season, Bob Colville, a local farmer, suffered the loss of some of his corn crop. Even though he lost some of his acres, he said this year wasn't as bad as past years.

SOAR

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came to Northwest in the summer but it was to test for placement in classes. The SOAR program eliminates this testing. Class placement is now based on ACT scores. Students may, however, do a writing sample to enhance their scores from the composition section of the test.

The original idea for this program came from Roger Pugh, executive director/enrollment manager, to help class openings be more proactive.

Schneider thinks the campus helped the program go more smoothly.

"Campus and community involvement, including offices and departments, have come together to pull this off," Schneider said.

Betty Dye, residential life coordinator, believes

Regents approve fiscal year budget

Members also hear construction reports, make appointments

By Cynthia Hansen and Virginia Peters
Chief Reporters

of the East Residence Hall Complex.

ServiceMaster Energy Management, who is doing the work, said the work should be completed by April 1997.

The Board also received updates on the other renovation projects across campus.

Colden Hall's classrooms and offices have been relocated temporarily, and the building will be out of commission until its reopening in August 1997.

The Administration Building project is continuing as the lower parking lot will be closed until the project is done, which is tentatively set for mid-fall.

Drainage problems at the Rickenbrode Stadium are being addressed and should be taken care of by the first home football game on Saturday, Sept. 7.

In addition, Board members approved several positions at the meeting.

Two approvals were of department chair changes.

Dwight Maxwell, professor of geology/geography, and Theo Ross, professor of communication and theater arts, were each named chairs of their respective departments.

Maxwell will replace Taylor Barnes, the current dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Ross replaces Kathie Leeper, who will be on sabatical leave during the 1996-1997 academic year.

Carole Edmonds, former teacher and administrator for the South Nodaway R-IV School district, was approved to take on the position of director for the Horace Mann School at Northwest.

Edmonds' three sons all graduated from Horace Mann, and she believes it will be great working there.

"I'm really excited," Edmonds said. "It's like going home."

At the end of the meeting future meeting dates and times were approved.

The Board of Regents' next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 1.

InBrief

Tax set for August vote

Although Maryville voters will have an opportunity to vote on a new mail-order use tax, the use tax issue is not new to the state.

The Missouri legislature passed a mail-order use tax about four years ago.

Several legislators believed the lack of a mail-order tax gave an unfair advantage to mail-order companies.

Following the passage, a group of large corporations, collectively called the Associated Industries of Missouri, sued the state under the claim that the tax was unfairly collected.

The court agreed and ruled that the tax was unconstitutional.

The legislature, in the meantime, changed the bill to make it constitutional. The new bill gave each city the opportunity to submit the tax to the voters with passage only requiring a simple majority.

Maryville City Council placed the 1.5 percent use tax on the August ballot. City Manager David Angerer said the timing is right for a vote on the tax.

"We had been advised (by Missouri officials) that hundreds of cities in Missouri will submit this to a vote and we felt we would go along with the herd," Angerer said.

"The primary reason we are saying it is good is that it levels the playing field with local businesses and mail-order businesses. (Mail-order businesses) have an unfair advantage over local merchants."

St. Joseph and Kansas City will be among the other cities voting on the tax.

Prisoners attempt escape

Two Nodaway County prisoners attempted to flee from the jail early Friday morning.

Between 1:30 and 2 a.m., Terry L. Phelps, 20, and Mike T. Hollaway, 21, tried to escape the jail by unscrewing one-way screws located in 13-inch metal grates in the ceilings of their jail cells, Sheriff Ben Espy said.



Do, re, mi, fa, so. Marilyn Rhea, Maryville, directs the soprano and alto section for honor choir during Northwest's Mid-High Music Camp that runs from June 16 through June 20. The honor choir is conducted by John Standerford. The group will perform at 6 p.m., Friday, in Charles Johnson Theatre to conclude the camp.

Camp offers musicians inspiration

Summer experiences make lasting memories

By Chris Galitz
Assistant Managing Editor

Each summer Northwest experiences a flood — not from Mother Nature, but from area music students.

For more than 30 years, Northwest has been the host of high school and junior high music camps, with the mid-high camp taking place this week.

Music campers and counselors alike return year after year because of the musical inspiration and friendships offered by Northwest music camps.

Members of three bands, two choirs, four jazz bands and four show choirs form special bonds while learning. They spend hours rehearsing, having fun and learning new music, techniques and choreography, working toward week-long goal, the Friday evening concert.

The mid-high camp-closing concert will take place this Friday beginning

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— T. J. Blodgett
Music camp participant from Liberty, Mo.

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Both of the couple's daughters are

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Ross founded and was president for five years of the local chapter of the state motorcycle touring group Freedom of the Road Riders. However, he decided to discontinue his membership three years ago.

"It just took too much time away from my family and my work," Ross said.

The local chapter of the Freedom of the Road Riders is not the only group Ross has founded. He also co-founded the motorcycle club Ghost Dancers with Terry Goodman.

"We dreamed of doing it for over 20 years," Ross said. "It's a brotherhood of motorcycle enthusiasts that go out on private runs. Ghost Dancers isn't like any state group."

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"You learn how to play in groups with other people you don't know and you don't know how they play, you really learn," said Meredith Pointer, high school sophomore from Richmond.

"Everyone will come up and say hi.

They don't look at you for how your face looks; they look at you for your attitude inside," said T.J. Blodgett a second-year camper from Liberty.

Counselors return each year for many of those same reasons.

Jan Ward, a music teacher from Pleasant Hill, spent her first summer as a camp counselor in 1985.

"It's basically getting musically stimulated and inspired for another year and getting to see all the friends we haven't had the time to see since

last summer," Ward said.

Her husband, David, is also a counselor during the music camps. This year, music camp has become a family affair.

"The whole family's here this week," Jan Ward said.

Both of the couple's daughters are

participating in music camp.

"They've been here as long as they could," Jan Ward said.

Campers and counselors share in talent shows and special performances by groups like the Sweet Adelines, Bungee Chords and Three Men and a Melody.

"It (music camp) has changed a lot of kids lives," Rick Weymuth, professor of music, said. "Over 100 of the kids at music camp made their state's All-State."

Music camps at Northwest have a 30-year tradition; however, the camps were separated into one camp for band and one for choir. Attendance began to dwindle at the separate camps, finally falling below 200 campers.

Sixteen years ago, Weymuth came to Northwest and combined the camps, forming one complete music camp and learning opportunity for area students.

Success is evident as participant numbers have increased the number of camps to three per summer. Dividing the camps into three different age groups offers opportunity to all involved.

The senior high camp includes students from grades 10, 11 and 12; the mid-high camp includes campers from grades eight and nine; and grades six and seven make up the youngest group of campers.

"Now almost 1,000 students from 14 states are a part of Northwest music camps," Weymuth said. "This year there was a waiting list for both the high school and mid-high camps."

Recently, Ross has become involved in organizing and co-sponsoring the June 29 Run for the Wall poker run with Terry Kelmel, manager of Sonic Drive-in.

Winners of the poker run will receive cash prizes. There will also be a raffle for a tattoo by Tattooz. The entrance fee is \$5. All motorcyclists are welcome.

Run for the Wall is being organized to help bring the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall to Skidmore's Freedom Fest '96 in September. The wall is a one-half size traveling Vietnam Veteran's Memorial. It will be displayed on the Nodaway-Holt Elementary school grounds in Skidmore. Area dignitaries plan to be present to officially welcome the memorial. Various veterans' and student groups will give tributes to the fallen patriots.

Soccer debate rages

Conflict concerns overlapping football field use in autumn

By Ruby Dittmer
News Editor

Concerned parents gathered at the Maryville Community School Board meeting Wednesday night anxiously awaiting the results of the 1996-97 Student Activities Survey.

The survey that asked students whether or not they would participate in extracurricular activities was administered to students in the eighth through 12th grades. A total of 624 students were surveyed.

The results sparked controversy from members who have supported the move to introduce soccer into the athletic department of the school. A total of 67 high school students and 14 middle school students said they would participate in the sport if it was to be offered.

Twyla Hazen began showing her support for soccer in 1989 by

making a presentation to the board. Hazen said she feels confident that this time the board will make a decision.

"I feel that they will carry through and give us a response," Hazen said. "It will not be forgotten like last time. I just want to give these kids the opportunity to play."

While Board Member Mark Burnsides commended the committee for "doing their homework," he reminded the patrons to be patient. Burnsides as well as Rego Jones expressed concerns over the divide in the community between those who supported soccer and those who were against the sport because it might require the use of the football field.

The discussion was concluded when the members of the board agreed to further look into the issue in the near future.

In other news, the board approved the preliminary budget for the 1996-97 school year. A total of \$9,612,905 in revenues has been projected.

The total expenditures projected

are \$9,422,607. The estimated budget reflects a positive outlook for the school and did not include the funds from the 1995-96 school year that will carry over. Superintendent Gary Bell said the budget will reflect a stable outlook.

For the first time members of the board also discussed a facilities contingency plan.

"We have a basic outline of a plan that we could use if a facility of ours could not be used," Bell said. "It is not a definite plan because we are not aware of the resources available."

The board also reviewed an assessment survey that will be sent to patrons in July. The survey concerns the Washington Middle School bond issue.

Members of the board and community worked together in compiling the survey.

"We want the people to respond to us and tell us what it is they feel that is needed and give us direction so that we can take that into advisement and decide on a plan the people will support," Bell said.

May births reach surprising high

Usual stay of 2 days helps to control traffic

By Jamie Hatz
Managing Editor

The emergence of a new life into the world is an everyday occurrence, but at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville last month the emergence took place more than once a day.

During May, 34 babies were born at St. Francis, including one set of twins.

Although May generally has a higher birth rate than other months, this May saw the second-highest number of births at St. Francis in recent years.

"May and September seem to be popular months for deliveries," Kathy Brand, nurse manager at St. Francis, said. "There has also been an increase in deliveries since we've gotten more physicians."

Physicians helped deliver 18 females and 16 males during May; Brand said the gender of the babies tends to balance out in a given year.

Balance is something that the

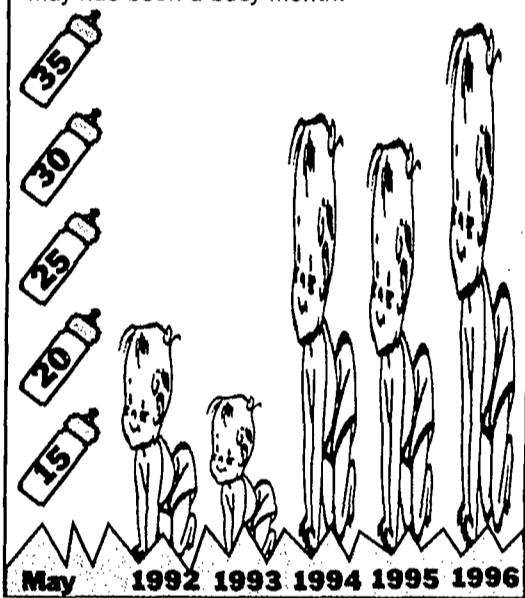
delivery room did have despite the record number of births because the obstetrician and gynecologist department of the hospital didn't find a problem with crowd controls.

"The average length of a maternity stay is 24-36 hours and 48-72 hours for a Caesarian section," Brand said. "The new mothers and the babies don't stay long enough to allow the rooms to become crowded."

Although St. Francis adjusts its staff according to numbers; no matter how busy the workers become, the staff realizes its job is a unique one.

"It's a job that I've had since 1979, and even though I've seen lots of deliveries I still sit back and say 'Wow' when I see a baby come into this world," Brand

Bundles of Joy: Last May, St. Francis Hospital delivered 34 babies. This mark was the second highest of any month in St. Francis' history. Over the past three years, May has been a busy month.



Conference stands by decision; Bearcats denied championship

By Rob J. Brown
News Editor

after two reports pin-pointed Central Missouri State University's wrong doings.

It was proven that Central illegally obtained Jolley's transcript by leading a Penn State Compliance Officer to believe that the purpose of the inquiry was to assist Jolley in transferring.

"I thought it was unfair for them to take away our title when it was proven that Central illegally obtained the information and that Northwest had done no wrong," Jolley said.

Although the decision cost the Bearcats the MIAA conference title and Jolley several individual awards, Jolley believed the University did everything possible to try to reverse the decision.

"I feel Northwest did an excellent job in finding out what happened," Jolley said.

The infractions committee's decision put an end to the first conference title for the men's basketball team since 1989. The Jolley saga originally began in March when students were on break.

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Clinton Allen	4	4
Spec Shop	3	4
Hy-Vee	2	4
Cookies	2	5
K&V Lawns	0	7

MEN'S

"A" league		"B" League			
Outback	6	0	Ferbergers	7	1
E-5	4	2	Sport Shop	5	2
Cookies	4	2	Friends	5	3
K&V Lawns	4	2	Chestnut	5	3
TO's Redogs	4	3	The Palms	4	3
Sayes	3	3	Def Jam	4	4
Irvin Farms	2	5	Carter's	3	5
T&T	2	5	Grace Const.	2	5
Barnard Tav.	1	4	KNIM	2	6
Looks	0	4	Sears & O'Riley	1	6

"C-1" League		"C-2" League			
Patton Sales	5	0	Bad Company	5	0
J&J Auto	4	0	Heilig-Meyers	5	1
L&L Auto	3	1	American Legion	4	1
Pizza Hut	4	2	1st Baptist	3	2
Leaverton	3	2	Community/Faith	2	3
Energizers	3	3	ARAMARK	2	3
Hy-Vee	2	4	Brand Const.	2	4
Laura Street	1	4	Lumber's Angels	1	4
Jason's Const.	1	5	P&L Clinic	0	6
Alice's	0	5			

Maryville Sand Volleyball

WOMEN'S OPEN

Dream Team	7	2
Eveready	7	2
Melba Lites	7	2
Grand River	6	3
Moog	6	3
Maryville HC	4	5
Sand Diggers	3	6
First Bank	3	6
Plummer	1	8
B.J.'s West	1	8

CO-ED SAND

Recreational Red		Recreational Blue			
NC+ Hybrids	6	0	Pagliari's	6	0
NW Imports	3	0	Here's the Beef	3	0
Floreas Auto	2	1	Sandpipers	5	1
Moog	3	3	Grand River	4	2
Lacledes	3	3	American Legion	4	2
Sports Page	3	3	Diggers	2	1
City Slammers	1	5	Swede Redi	0	6
Holtman	0	3	First Bank	0	6
Deen & Pitz	0	3	Molly's	0	6

Competitive

Yard Dogs	6	0
Neihart	4	2
Children's Depot	2	1
Stray Cats	3	3
Archer Auto	0	3
Sand Dogs	0	6

National Basketball Association

NBA Finals
Saturday, June 16, results
Chicago 87, Seattle 75
Bulls win series 4-2

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE		NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Central Division		Central Division			
Cleveland	45	24	St. Louis	35	34
Chicago	41	28	Houston	36	37
Milwaukee	34	35	Pittsburgh	33	38
Minnesota	33	35	Chicago	33	38
Kansas City	31	41	Cincinnati	28	36

East Division		West Division			
New York	39	28	Atlanta	44	26
Baltimore	36	31	Montreal	40	30
Toronto	30	40	Florida*	33	37
Boston	29	40	New York	31	39
Detroit	18	53	Philadelphia	29	40

West Division		East Division			
Texas	43	27	Los Angeles	39	33
Seattle	36	32	San Diego	37	35
California	37	33	Colorado	36	33
Oakland	33	38	San Francisco	35	33

* late game

SPORTS

Sharks pick up 1st win of year

Swim team loses 1st dual meet in 4 seasons, rebounds with victory

By Chris Geinosky

Sports Editor

A late start Wednesday turned the Maryville Sharks swim team's first home meet into a late-night victory.

Maryville ran away from the competition, scoring 1,287 team points while Atlantic finished with 557 and Savannah with 354.

"I gave the team a talk after the last meet and told them that their times weren't as good as last year," Brian Lohafer, Sharks head coach, said. "I told them to push themselves and work harder, and they responded well tonight."

Two Maryville swimmers stood above the rest at the meet by setting pool records.

Traci Harr broke four 8-and-under records on the victorious night.

Harr broke the 50-meter freestyle by more than seven seconds, the 25-meter butterfly by five seconds and the 25-meter backstroke by three seconds.

Harr finished the freestyle in a time of 45.22 seconds, the butterfly in 22.69 and the backstroke in 26.84.

However, Harr completely annihilated the 100-meter individual medley time by an unheard-of 24 seconds.

The old record used to be 2 minutes, 23.18 seconds, but Harr finished the race in 1:59.00.

Lohafer said Harr has swum well thus far, and people can expect much more from her in the near future.

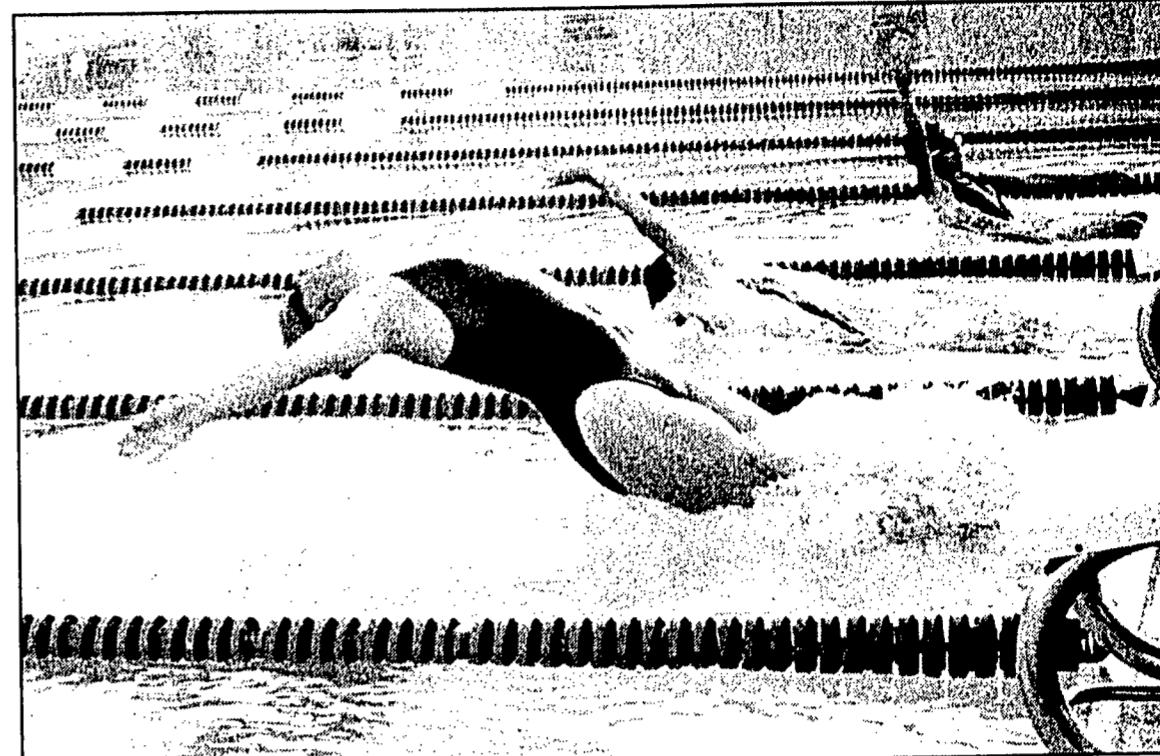
"She has broken records at every meet so far, and she'll be something to watch," Lohafer said.

Another Shark with an outstanding performance was Erin Lohafer. Lohafer broke her own record in the 11- to 12-year-old 50-meter backstroke.

Maryville traveled to Nebraska Monday, but the Sharks came up short and lost their first dual meet in four years.

Nebraska City jumped on top early and never surrendered the lead throughout the meet as it dumped Maryville by the score of 384-172.

After the medley relays, the Sharks trailed by 72 points, and they could not recover.



It's safe to go back in the water. Erin Lohafer of the Maryville Sharks leads off in the 11- and 12-year-old 100-meter medley relay Wednesday night.

Maryville tasted a little bit of its own medicine Monday because Nebraska City had more than 140 swimmers at the meet while the Sharks were only able to take 45.

"We were out-manned, and they were well conditioned," Lohafer, said. "They

did to us what we always do to other teams."

Maryville will be back in action this weekend at the Relay Invitational at Auburn, Neb., and the Sharks will be back at the MAC at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday to face off with Clarinda, Iowa.

From

the BackRow

Bulls put cap on Cinderella NBA season



After completing the most successful regular season in the history of the sport, the Chicago Bulls walked away with the NBA's most prized possession earlier this week by defeating the Seattle SuperSonics in the championship series.

Being from Chicago, of course I was ecstatic watching the Bulls win

their fourth championship crown in the '90s.

Many people ask if this is the greatest team of all time, but who really cares? Even though the Bulls went 72-10 during the regular season and 15-3 in the playoffs, wins did not come as easily as one might have thought.

This was a team that had to scratch and claw to victory, even with the Michael Jordans, Dennis Rodmans and Scottie Pippen. Everyone thinks of the big names when thinking about Chicago, but what about the importance of the role players on this team?

Where would the Bulls have been without Steve Kerr, Luc Longley and Ron Harper just to name a few?

And what can you possibly say about the antics of Rodman? Teams that play against him hate him, and fans of other teams cannot stand him. But if he plays for you, he is the most entertaining and loved guy on the court.

Rodman acted as the dominating force under the basket for the Bulls by controlling the boards throughout the playoffs averaging 14 rebounds a game, and then totally frustrating the Sonics' frontcourt in the final series.

Chicago had a great season, and it seemed as if every piece of the puzzle was there.

First, Coach of the Year honors went to Phil Jackson. What can you say about a man who had to deal with the Chicago media, coach players from other countries, keep everyone happy and still remember to win ball games?

Defense you ask? Well surprise, the Bulls have that too. Chalk up three All-NBA defensive players in Jordan, Pippen and Rodman, then add the likes of Ron Harper, and now you have a defense that creates turnovers and turns them into points. By the way, Chicago led the league in fewest points allowed too.

But what about the bench? Let's bring in Toni Kukoc, the league's Six-Man Award winner.

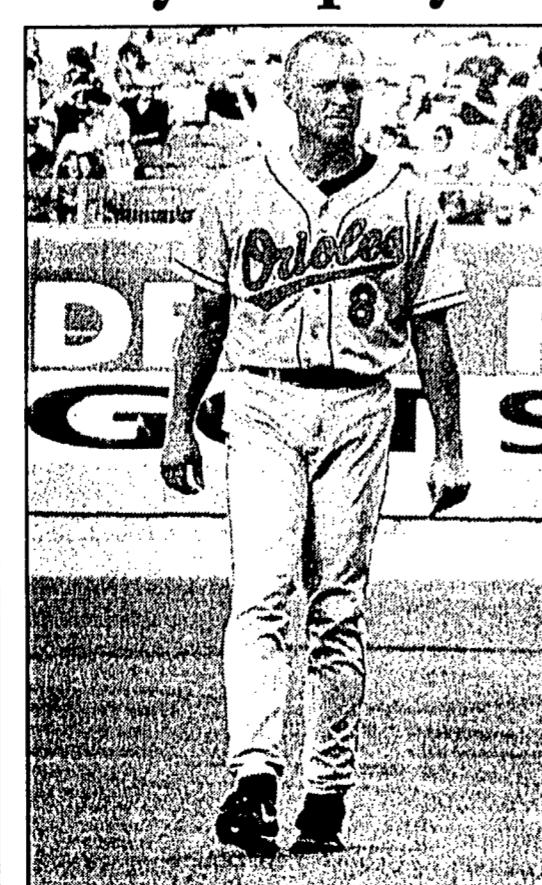
All we need now is the superstar to complete the team we need. Hey, maybe Mr. Jordan can fit the role. Well, he was the first player ever to win MVP of the year, the All-Star Game and the Championship Series; I guess he will have to do.

Anyway you want to look at this team though, it shows you what the definition of a team really is. Every man knew his role on the team; that is why it may be the most successful basketball team ever in the NBA.

Chris Geinosky is the sports editor for the Northwest Missourian.

7th Inning Stretch

Royals play host to historic event



By Greg Dalrymple

Photography Director

The Kansas City Royals were a part of history Friday night as Cal Ripken broke the world record for most consecutive games played. The Kansas City Royals played host to the Baltimore Orioles and Sachio Kinugasa of Japan the former world record holder.

Kinugasa and Ripken took part in the opening game ceremony in which Kinugasa threw out the first pitch to Ripken. While Kauffman Stadium was not sold out, the 19,000-plus fans did treat Ripken to a three and one half minute standing ovation when the game became official in the fifth inning.

The two players numbers are pretty similar, with Ripken batting .278 with 339 home runs and 1,315 RBI while Kinugasa batted .275, with 446 home runs and 1,278 RBI over the course of their respective streaks.

The two leagues have differing season lengths, in the United States the Major League season is 162 games long, while in Japan the season is 130. Because of this, Ripken reached 2,216 faster than did Kinugasa. The Streak while taking up the majority of the



Ripken's career, has not taken up all of it.

Ripken was in the major leagues for two years before he took his last day off in 1982.

Ripken had an off-night at the plate Friday night, as he went zero for four. However, the Orioles did win the game 6-1. The Royals had a tough time getting the bats going as they went down in order three times.

The Royals had trouble on this 10-game home stand, winning only four out of 10, including two losses out of four attempts against the Orioles during the weekend.

Earlier in the week, the Royals also played the Seattle Mariners, winning two, losing all three to the California Angels.

The Royals are away from home for the next six games, a road trip they kicked off with a four-game series against Milwaukee Monday. The Royals won Wednesday night 8-4, bringing the record so far on the road trip to 1-2.

The Royals will be back in town Sunday to

Hopping through history

Kansas City museums offer a tempting trip through time for summer vacationers

By Colleen Cooke

Features Editor

It's summertime in the Midwest and that means vacation season is here — complete with big plans, big destinations and big bucks. So where are you headed this year — maybe to Florida for a famous mouse land, or California for fun in the sun?

Well, be prepared to share the beaches and the roads with the rest of America because these aren't exactly new travel ideas.

However, you do have other options — one that is staring you in the face each time you travel on I-35 or I-70: Kansas City. Sure, it may come across as the original hick town, but have you ever looked at all the history and culture this fair city has built into her? Where's the best place to view a city in microcosm? Museums.

Although there's a list in the phone book about a column and a half long, here's a good sampling of some places for an entire family.

Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art is not only the workhorse location of many grade school field trips, but it is also a gorgeous spot on a traveler's (or resident's) itinerary for a bright Saturday afternoon in Kansas City.

The enormous edifice features artwork of all types — everything from paintings and sculptures of the great and famous artists to recreations of period rooms and collections of sometimes bizarre modern art.

The marble entryway beckons patrons to a collection of corridors that lead to more small rooms. It's easy to get lost in this place, and not just in the system of hallways. Each painting, sculpture or display is an open invitation for hours of gazing and pondering. When you view a Monet or an ancient Chinese sculpture, you travel back in time.

This place can be kind of intimidating and awe-inspiring — and not just because of its massive size and towering ceilings. The works at the Nelson are the cousins or sisters of works that could easily be found in the most important museums of Paris, New York or London.

However, the impressive exhibits are not always the most attractive part of the museum for some. Many often make trips to the Nelson just to have a picnic on the front lawn and stroll around the artworks, especially the infamous oversized

The works at the Nelson are the cousins or sisters of works that could easily be found in the most important museums of Paris, New York or London.

shuttlecocks that decorate the grounds.

The Nelson is not open Mondays, nor on the Fourth of July, Christmas, New Year's or Thanksgiving. Its hours are Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday 1-5 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for students with a valid ID, \$1 for children 6 to 18 and free for children under 5.

This summer the Nelson offers Sprint Fridays — after 5 p.m. with museum admission, patrons can be treated to live music and special dinners.

However, an added bonus of the museum is free admission on Saturdays. So if you're short of cash and just want to take in some art, take a trip back in time at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, located on Oak Street.

The Toy and Miniature Museum

Almost next door to the Nelson on Oak (on the edge of the University of Missouri-Kansas City campus) lies the Toy and Miniature Museum. The museum opened in 1982 with the antique dollhouses and miniature collections of Mary Harris Francis and Barbara Marshall. But these aren't your average dollhouses, nor is the collection limited to miniatures.

One of the fascinating parts of the museum is the room with enormous and detailed dollhouses. These houses are at least 4 feet tall, sometimes 5, and each room has tiny furnishings that can keep you occupied for hours.

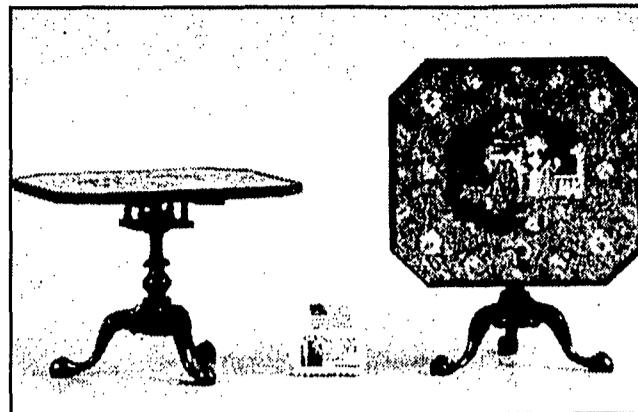
Young children may be more fascinated by the complete collection of Barbie dolls, including the 3-foot-tall version. In addition to all the current models, this display tracks the beginning of the Barbie phenomenon with the earliest dolls on display, so expect early Christmas lists from Barbie enthusiasts.

This summer the museum features a special exhibit: "Playing for Keeps," a marble collection that is on display from May 30 to Nov. 3.

The Toy and Miniature Museum is open Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. In addition to being closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, it is not open major holidays and the first two weeks after Labor Day. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children over 3.

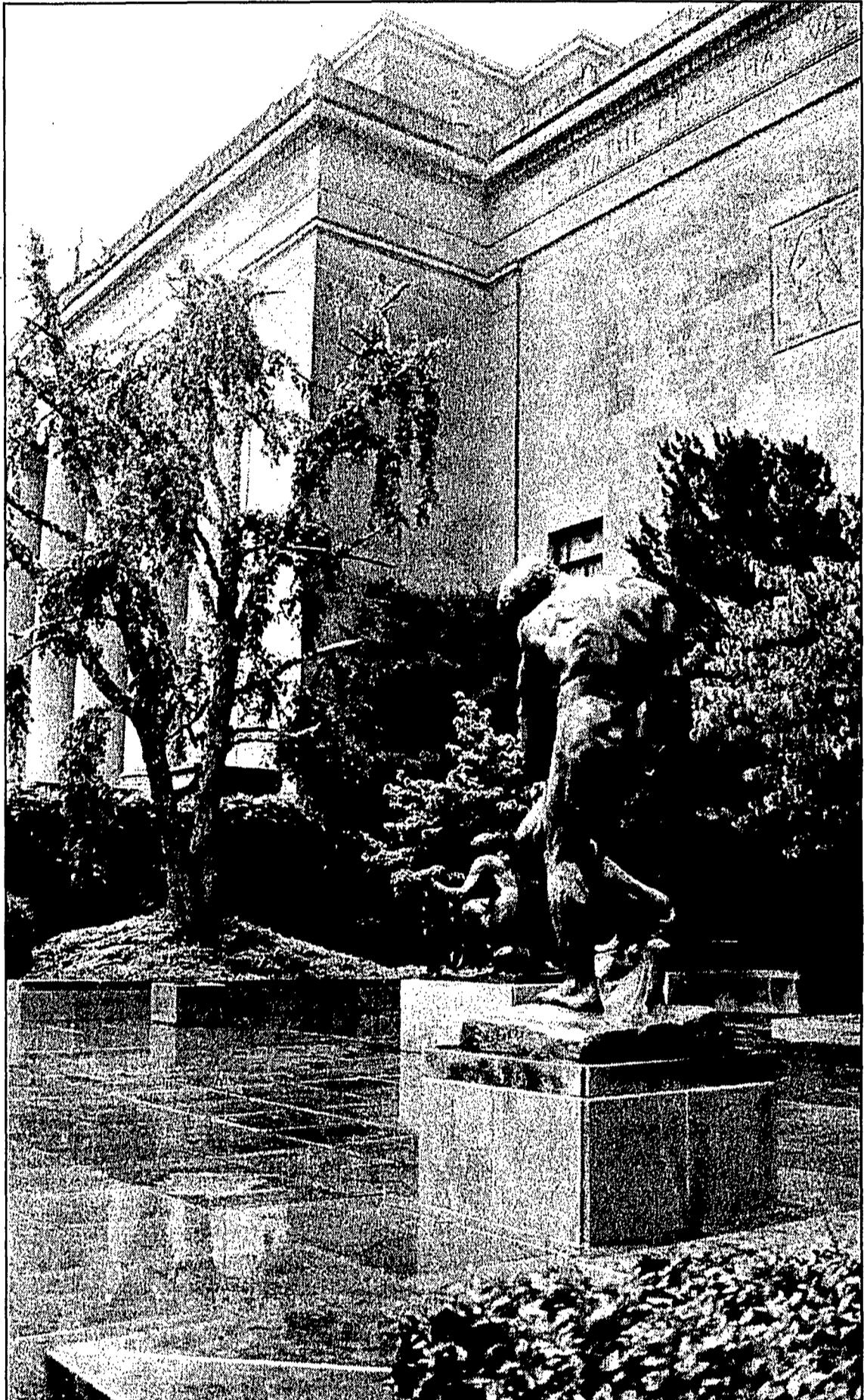
The Hallmark Visitors Center

Kansas City is the center for many things —



Stamp of perfection. (right) A postage stamp illustrates how small some of the miniatures in the Toy and Miniature Museum can get. Photo courtesy the Toy and Miniature Museum.

Carved into history. (below) One of many works of art that adorn the gardens around the Nelson, a statue watches over the decorated grounds.



GREG DALRYMPLE/Photography Director

Chiefs football, legendary jazz and also the headquarters of Hallmark, Inc. Hallmark commemorates this fact with the Hallmark Visitors Center on Crown Center. It is fairly new, having opened Jan. 10, 1985, on the 75th anniversary of Hallmark's existence.

Your journey through the center starts with a sign above the door announcing "Through the Keyhole, Enter the Magical World of Creativity."

You then go back in time to see the beginning of Hallmark with a display of the company's first products, working up to its latest endeavors.

One of the more bizarre displays is the J.C. Hall Christmas Tree Collection. Every year, from 1966 to 1982, Hallmark employees pitched in to create a special Christmas tree for Hallmark's founder and owner, Mr. Hall. As the years progressed, the trees became more and more, shall we say, inventive. Some rotate to give the full effect. One is composed entirely of Christmas cards, one is made of a bunch of smaller trees and one is called the Santa Claus tree — a green base with every kind of Santa figure available.

But perhaps the most fascinating part of the visitors center is the section in which you get to see how an idea becomes a product — everything from greeting cards to crayons to bows. With the press of a button, you can have a bow made out of ribbons and watch the whole process.

The center is open Monday-

Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturdays and most holidays. There is no admission, but reservations are required for groups of 10 or more.

The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum

As one of the most recent additions to Kansas City's museum collection, the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum is the first and so far only one of its kind in the world. Under the guidance of its chairman, legendary Kansas City Monarchs player John "Buck" O'Neil, this small, yet historical, place opened in July 1994. Its location at 18th and Vine streets is just a few blocks from the spot where in 1920 the Negro National Leagues were formed.

Inside, the exhibits are in the shape of a baseball diamond, complete with astroturf-green walls and floors. As you stroll the basepaths, you're not merely heading toward home, you're walking down history lane, exploring the beginnings of blacks in baseball.

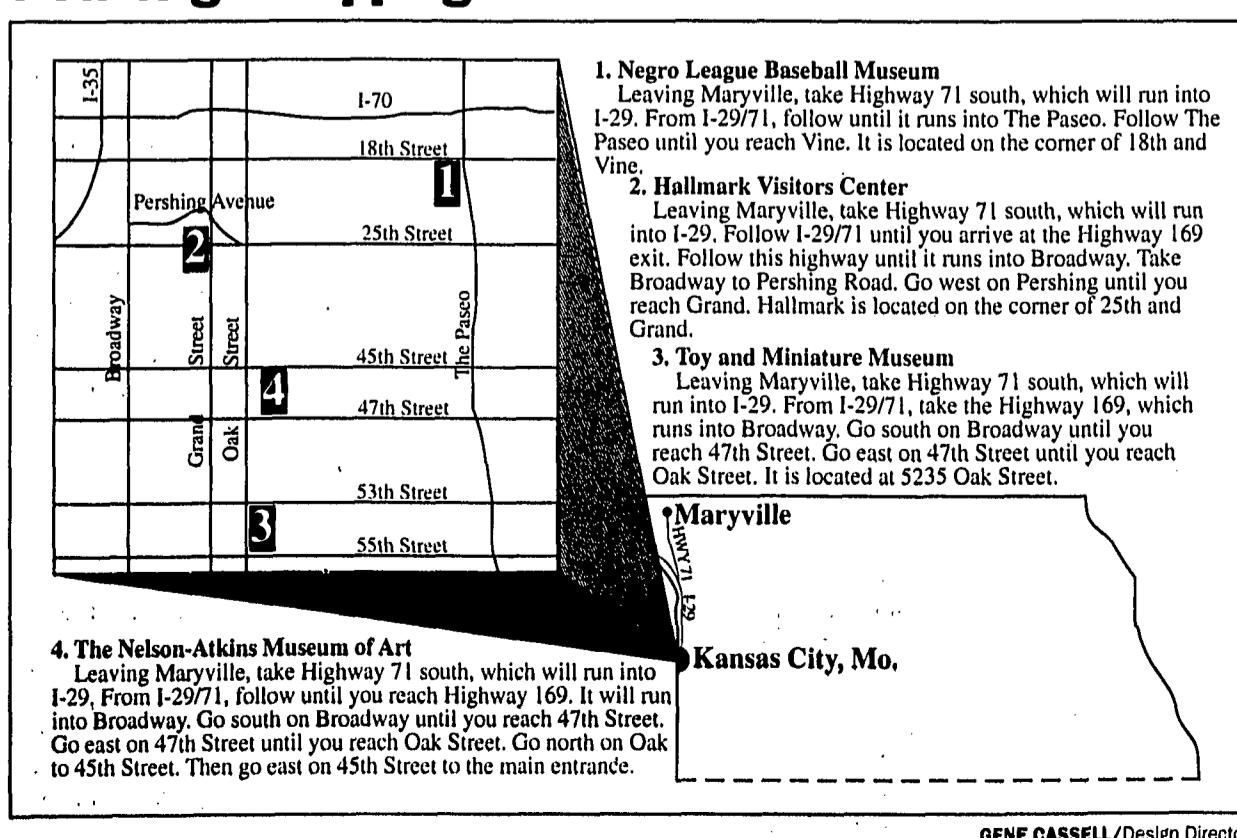
You can learn the history through old pictures, newspaper stories and anecdotes, but also through artifacts from such greats as Satchel Paige or recreations of uniforms from the Monarchs and Giants. Those names may have faded from the current lexicon, but their legacy and history lives on in the likes of Ken Griffey Jr. and Frank Thomas.

In a time when Major League baseball is overrun with huge salaries and egos, the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum offers a refreshing look at a time with players didn't care about salary caps or owners' agreements — they just wanted to play ball.

The museum is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Sunday noon-4:30 p.m. Admission is \$2 for innings of fun and learning.

This summer you could be stuck on I-70 in endless construction for hundreds of miles, or you could take a short hop to Kansas City and take the path less traveled — the one back in time.

How to get hopping



GENE CASSELL/Design Director

AT YOUR LEISURE

Thursday, June 20, 1996

The Stroller

Drunk pool game turns bloody

Your Man is quite possibly the world's luckiest bad pool player. I tell ya, there's nothing like taking careful, albeit drunk, aim at a table full of bright pool balls, straining to concentrate on all those forgotten physics (and computer pool) lessons over the din of country music, only to have your rocket-like shot sink not one but TWO of your opponent's balls.

However, this is not to say that Your Man is the safest of pool players. Who knew that a docile (and, let me repeat, *drunk*) sport such as slap shot pool could result in bloodletting? Obviously not me.

The saga begins on a warm (aren't they all) night last week when Your Man decided to celebrate the inaugural Stroller column with a few of my favorite adult beverages at a local establishment (hint: the name of the place might remind you of a part of the *Missourian*. And it's not the funeral home. Good luck). After a few tasty Wild Flings, my blood was warming up (and apparently ready to jump out) for a friendly, no-holds-barred, last-man-standing-wins game of pool.

It is important to recall at this point that I really do suck at this game, even though I loudly informed the patrons of the bar that I would be wiping the floor with them.

Not surprisingly, I lost game after game, usually thanks to stupid rules, such as that silly one about scratching when trying to sink the eight ball (hell, I was lucky to get ANY ball in the darn hole). But Your Man isn't one to give up after three hours of humiliating play. No sirree Bob.

My opponent, who just happened to be my roommate, Bob, happily agreed to another game because he was getting a kick out of videotaping the catastrophe for further use at parties (sadist). By this time in the evening, I was getting just a tad cocky (not the Stroller!) and overconfident. Again let me remind you that I still suck at this game.



THE STROLLER

Your Man battles roommate, effects of Wild Flings

cocked and sticking his tongue out while I was measuring my shot. Slipped outta my hand. Whoops.)

Anyway, the scene at the Page (not the Pub. *sniff*) has played out in slow motion for me many times since that fateful night (thanks to Bob's camera. Party on, roomie). As the pool cue careered out of my hands (and into Bob's eye), my left hand shot toward the metal edge of the table while still advancing rapidly forward. A one-fourth inch chunk of knuckle from my middle finger sailed from my hand as the blood spurted out. Well, not spurt. Trickled at least.... Um, maybe reddens. Well, it's bruised in any case.

The poor pool balls scattered and joined Bob's eye on the table (kidding!) Doesn't it feel just like the Zapruder tape? Oh the excitement! Oh the violence! Oh the conspiracy? (You never know, I do watch the "X-Files." "They" might be after me.)

In the aftermath, I now have a bandaged middle finger (which is a lot of fun to show off to strangers). And I learned a bit of a chemistry lesson: five Wild Flings + trick shot = bloodshed.

What — I never promised I'd have deep meanings in these ramblings. You're darn lucky I'm teaching you anything valuable at all, you ingrates.

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14 Scarlett's home
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38 "The — Love"
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Answers to last week's puzzle

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41 Pesky insect
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48 Heavy metal
49 Tardy
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51 City of Italia
52 First person
53 Unit of loudness
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Weekly Events

Kansas City

June 20-23 - "Hello Dolly" at Shawnee Mission Park. Gates open at 6 p.m., show begins at 8:30 p.m. Bring chairs or blankets. Admission: \$1 per person on Thursday, \$2 Friday-Saturday

June 21 - Comedian Adam Sandler at 8 p.m. at the Sandstone Amphitheatre in Bonner Springs, Kan.

June 22 - Summer Jam '96, featuring John Kay and Steppenwolf, Iron Butterfly, Jim Dandy and Black Oak Arkansas and Heat East. Show begins at 7 p.m. at Sandstone Amphitheatre

June 24 - "Little Shop of Horrors" opens at 8:30 p.m. at Starlight Amphitheatre; Show runs through June 30

June 25 - Heart of America Shakespeare Festival with "Romeo and Juliet" opens at Southmoreland Park and runs through July 14. Pre-show activities begin at 6:15 p.m., showtime at 8:15 p.m.

June 27 - Lollapalooza with Metallica, Soundgarden, the Ramones and others; begins at 2 p.m. at Longview Lake. Admission: \$37.50

Des Moines

June 20, 22 - "SummerMusic 1996," music by nationally acclaimed players and members of the Des Moines Symphony, at 8 tonight at Grand View Center Theatre; 8 p.m. Saturday at Briar Cliff College in Sioux City. A forum will take place at 7 p.m. prior to each show. Admission: \$9 (515) 255-5444

June 22, 30; July 2, 5 - "Macbeth," presented by the Des Moines Metro Opera at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and July 2 and 5; 2 p.m. June 30. Blank Performing Arts Center, Simpson College, Indianola. Admission: \$24-\$49 (515) 961-6221

June 23-28 - "Art Explorer," a camp for kids to discover the artists in them, at the Natural Resource Center near Ames. Admission: \$160 for ages 9-14 only (515) 795-3338

June 25-30 - "Grease" at the Civic Center of Greater Des Moines. Admission: \$15 - \$42, tickets available at box office or Ticketmaster outlets

June 28 - "La Boheme," performed by the Des Moines Metro Opera in English at 7:30 p.m. Sunday and July 14 at the Blank Performing Arts Center; Admission: \$29-\$49 (515) 961-6221

June 20-22 - "Play Search Festival" at the Dinner Theatre 6064 Maple St. dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Admission: show - \$9 and \$10; dinner and show - \$15 and \$16 (402) 553-4715

June 21-23 - Storytelling Festival of Nebraska - To carry on the oral tradition, the festival offers workshops for adults and children, including many storytelling concerts featuring some of the best tellers in the country. They will be joined by many local regional tellers. Friday, noon - 11 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sunday, 2 - 5 p.m. (402) 558-6185, College of St. Mary, 1901 S. 72nd St.

June 22 - Blackhawk at 8 p.m. at Fun-Plex, 72nd and Q streets. Admission: \$17.50 (402) 422-1212

June 23 - NASCAR Winston Racing Series - racing begins at 6:30 p.m. Admission: \$7 adults; \$4 seniors; \$2 children 6-12; free 5 and under. Sunset Speedway, 114th and State streets; (402) 493-5211

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